

LABOUR WINS IN CLOSE RACE

The Winner



The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who led the Labour Party to victory in the exciting General Election. Mr. Attlee was re-elected for the West Walthamstow division of London with a majority of 12,107 over his Conservative opponent.

Death of U.S. Naval Attache in Rumania

Vienna, February 24.

The mutilated body of Captain Eugene F. Karpe, American Naval Attache in Rumania, was found in a railway tunnel near Salzburg yesterday and reliable United States Army sources said he appeared to have been slain. Captain Karpe, 50, was a close friend of Mr. Robert Vogeler, American businessman who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by a Budapest court last Tuesday on spy charges.

The Austrian police announced the discovery of the body this morning. They said it had been "smashed beyond recognition" but that it was identified by papers found on the body. Captain Karpe's diplomatic passport was missing.

The United States Army authorities later confirmed the identification and said Captain Karpe's death "seemed like a planned job." The Austrian police also said they suspected murder, and were investigating on the theory that a "crime had been committed." However, they said they had "no definite clues."

Captain Karpe was on his way home to Washington for reassignment after spending more than three years in Bucharest. He arrived in Vienna from Bucharest early this month and spent 15 days here before leaving for Paris on Thursday morning. His mutilated body was found by trackwalkers on the Alberg Orient Express Line in a tunnel near Salzburg later in the day. After identification it was taken to the Ninth United States Army Station Hospital in Salzburg.

Close friends

Mrs. Vogeler, who lives here with her two sons and her sister-in-law, said Captain Karpe and her husband had been close friends since they attended the United States Naval Academy at

Chiang to resume presidency

Taipei, February 24.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who stepped down from the Presidency of Nationalist China in January last year, is now expected to resume the post within the next two weeks.

A cabinet minister told the Associated Press that a peaceful settlement on the Presidential question was in the making.

The minister, who did not want his name used, said:

1—Li Tsung-shan would resign his post as Acting President.

2—This would enable Chiang Kai-shek to resume the Presidency without violating the constitution.

3—Li would revert to his former post of Vice President.

4—The move for his impeachment would evaporate.

The Legislative Yuan—Nationalist China's Parliament—yesterday petitioned Chiang Kai-shek to resume the Presidency.

The petition was decided upon at the opening of the fifth plenary session of the Yuan. It was passed unanimously by the 221 legislators present.

LATE CONSERVATIVE RALLY BEATEN OFF

Liberals eclipsed, Red candidates routed

MINISTERS DEFEATED

LABOUR HAS WON THE NECK AND NECK ELECTION RACE, REUTER REPORTED IN A BULLETIN FROM LONDON ISSUED AT 3 A.M. HONG KONG TIME TODAY.

London, February 24.

Labour's overnight lead of 60 was reduced this afternoon. It fluctuated from minute to minute, above or below that figure until a stage was reached when the Conservatives drew up rapidly.

At one point a stream of Conservative successes cut the Labour lead perceptibly—the Labour advantage dropping by 21 in barely two hours.

The Liberals advanced from one seat to six. Their successful candidates included Mr. Clement Davies, the Party's leader.

Labour is jubilant about the rout of the Communist candidates—100 strong.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, powerful trade union leader and member of the Trades Union Congress, said that the Communists had been "true to their tradition of being the fifth column in the Labour movement."

Mr. Konni Zilliacus, most prominent of all the Left-wing Labour rebels, lost his seat at Gateshead, polling only 5,001 votes against official Labour's 15,249.

This meant the entire eclipse of the Labour Independents expelled from the Party because of their leanings towards Communism. All five were defeated.

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL

Business was at a standstill on the London Stock Exchange today as Election results flooded in from all parts of the country. The overnight Labour Party lead resulted in heavy marking down of domestic stocks when the Market opened but then prices remained steady with the eyes of all Stock Market men turned to indicator boards.

Final price levels showed no fresh development, although sentiment improved as the Labour lead swiftly dwindled.

Chief sufferers in the early marking down were leading industries, including cements, sugars and some of others marked for nationalisation under Labour Government.

British Government funds were nominal on the Market and widely half to three-quarters per cent. lower.

Practically the only section to show firmness was that of the South African gold mines. Safely buying by local investors produced a number of small gains.

The Exchange closed quietly and steady at lower levels with many results yet to come.

Lancaster seat

Brigadier F. H. R. Maclean, Conservative, won the Lancaster seat in Parliament in the first return announced today after vote counting was resumed, adds United Press.

Five of the first six returns reported after ballot counting was resumed today were Conservative victories. One of the Conservative seats was won from Labour. The others had been Conservative in the old Parliament.

Reginald T. Paget, King's Counsel, who defended Gorman Field, Marshal Erich von Manstein before a British war crimes court, regained his Northampton seat for Labour.

The hydrogen bomb got back into the news when newly elected Labourite Norman Dodds announced he was preparing the first question to be asked of the Prime Minister when Parliament reconvenes. It will be whether the government would call a conference to outlaw the bomb.

Mr. Dodds said he would get his question in first by handing it today to the Policeman on duty at the entrance to Parliament.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, head of the Labour Party's election campaign committee, said at 12.30 GMT (8.30 p.m. H.K. time) that he could not say whether the government would call a conference to outlaw the bomb.

RADIO HONG KONG

Radio Hong Kong will be on the air from 8 to 10 this morning with a broadcast of the final election results.

make no forecast regarding the results. Mr. Morrison said, in a definite forecast at this stage. At the time Labour had 199 seats to 100 for the opposition.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, looking fit and cheerful, left his London home at 10.15 a.m. (H.K. time) for the airport to meet the Prime Minister.

The Loser



Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Party, which made a sensational rally after being well behind in the early vote counting. Mr. Churchill was returned for Woodford.

Churchill re-elected

London, February 24. Mr. Winston Churchill was re-elected to the House of Commons in the constituency of Woodford.

Churchill got 37,239 votes to the Labour candidate, Mr. Seymour Hills, 18,704 votes.

When news of Mr. Churchill's victory reached Conservative headquarters in London today, women cheered and waved their hats, and the men shouted loud hurrahs.

Mr. Churchill told them that the election was "a model of the way things are done in England, irrespective of the party feelings in our island."

He added: "It may be an example to many countries on the continent of Europe, where the same absolute fairness and correctness on the part of all concerned in conducting an election is not always the most prominent and notable feature."

The former prime minister has sneered many times at the way elections are conducted in the Iron-curtain countries. Associated Press.

Labour strategists muzzled it to the extent of keeping it off the air and mostly in his own radical constituency. Mr. Bevan is the Minister of Health.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who easily re-elected, is a lifelong socialist politician.

Rain swept most of the United Kingdom on polling day. It began here late in the afternoon but Londoners moved in thousands to Trafalgar Square to see the returns flashed on the screen. There was little general excitement.

Only one outbreak of violence was reported. In the general election in which eager voters used aeroplanes, hoppers and sedan chairs to get to polling places.

One woman, on her way to hospital to have a baby, stopped the ambulance long enough to vote.

Agent attacked

Mr. Frank Davis, Conservative agent in North Hammersmith, London, was attacked outside his home by eight unidentified persons, who were alleged to have been carrying banners advertising Mr. D. N. Pritt.

A friend, who was with Mr. Davis when he was attacked, said early yesterday evening, about 30 children crowded around the front of Mr. Davis' home and began shouting anti-Conservative slogans and throwing in cans. (Continued On Page 3)

NATIONALIST PLANES BOMB KONGMOON

China's Nationalist Air Force extended its bombing campaign against the new Chinese regime on the China mainland further inland on Thursday to hit Kongmoon, big West River estuary town.

Seven planes bombed and machine-gunned Kongmoon's waterfront at will from 12 noon to 1.50 p.m. hitting a variety of river craft caught at the wharves.

A considerable number of civilian casualties resulted but the figures were not available in Press reports from Kongmoon yesterday.

One bomb hit the China Theatre but fortunately the performances for the day had not yet started. One petrol dump along the waterfront was also attacked and set on fire.

Damage here was not considerable as most of the drums of petrol had been transported elsewhere the day before.

Some seven buildings in the target area were damaged by the bombing attacks.

This was the first bombing attack carried out against Kongmoon by the Nationalist Air Force since the Government's abandonment of the mainland to the Chinese Communists.

Taiwan precautions. In Taipei, Nationalist authorities took sweeping action yesterday to minimise the effects of a possible Communist attack from the air on Taiwan capital, adds Associated Press.

They ordered the removal of all many factories, schools and hospitals to the rural areas as possible and non-essential residents were urged to leave the city.

Early in the morning truckloads of aircraft equipment, stored in wooden boxes, were being transported out of Kai Tak.

According to an official of CNAC, the shifting of the crated equipment is necessary so that future transportation of the equipment to China will be more convenient.

CATC began to shift their equipment from the airport in the afternoon. Both airlines are concentrating their equipment in a few scattered dumps.

Extra guards have been hired by both airlines to look after their property and assets at the airport.

CNAC and CATC aircraft will take to the air, officials of the airlines said, as soon as preliminary overhauls are completed.

One CATC official, however, said that decision for the planes to take to air lies with the People's Government which in March will hold a conference to discuss all matters connected with the airlines.

During the meeting the possibilities of amalgamating the two airlines may also be discussed.

The official said that both airlines may send 10 representatives from Hong Kong to the meeting in Peking.

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The Weather

At 10.00 GMT (8 p.m. H.K. time) a ridge of high pressure extending from China to the Pacific, "Red" of Japan dominates China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. A depression may be developing in the vicinity of the Loochens.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S. winds, 10-15 m.p.h. at sea, 10-15 m.p.h. on land.

Tomorrow's Weather—S. winds, 10-15 m.p.h. at sea, 10-15 m.p.h. on land.

Wednesday's Weather—S. winds, 10-15 m.p.h. at sea, 10-15 m.p.h. on land.

Thursday's Weather—S. winds, 10-15 m.p.h. at sea, 10-15 m.p.h. on land.

Friday's Weather—S. winds, 10-15 m.p.h. at sea, 10-15 m.p.h. on land.

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Dairy Farm Arbitration Tribunal ends hearing

The Dairy Farm Arbitration Tribunal concluded its public hearing yesterday. Professor R. Robertson, the Arbitrator, announced that he and the assessors would start deliberations on the material before them.

Yesterday's proceedings were confined to hearing a statement from Mr. Yung Yau, one of the workers' representatives, on the question of tips.

He protested that it was unfair of Mr. Thomson, the General Manager of the Dairy Farm Company, to ask for tips to be taken into consideration by the Tribunal.

"Tips are voluntarily given by customers, and they do not come from the Company. If the Company persists in regarding it as a supplementary entitlement from the Company to the men, then in future we must ask customers for tips as a request from the Company," said Mr. Yung.

However, it was only after a lengthy hearing of the Arbitration Tribunal on the relevance of the statement that Mr. Yung arrived at the point raised.

He started off his statement with a review of how the Dairy Farm employees loyally protected the Company's property when the Japanese entered Hong Kong in 1941, and how they put up their own savings upon the liberation in 1945 in order to help in buying furniture and crockery for the Company's social fountain department.

Man's accusation

Despite the Arbitrator's repeated interruption that only matters relevant to the enquiry should be brought up at a public hearing, and the rest could be submitted as documentary evidence, Mr. Yung insisted on having his say, and he succeeded in reading out his entire statement.

At one stage the workers' representatives openly accused Professor Robertson of allowing the Company's representatives to say anything they liked before the Tribunal and refusing to give the same privilege to the workers.

"I must protest most emphatically against any such suggestion, and I can only say it has arisen from ignorance," said Professor Robertson.

"I have merely pointed out that at a public hearing I can only allow people to speak on matters relevant to the enquiry."

"The enquiry is into the cost of living and earning of the workers. That is the issue. What has been said about the loyalty of the workers and their contribution to the prosperity of the Company has been recorded, but they are not relevant to the issue."

On the conclusion of Mr. Yung's statement, Professor Robertson said the point raised by Mr. Yung would be considered by the Tribunal.

The ration price of firewood has been reduced from \$9.20 a picul to \$8 a picul for sawn logs.

NEW APL OFFICIAL IN HK

Captain Orel A. Pierson, recently appointed new Supervisor of Vessel Operations at Hong Kong for American President Lines, arrived here by the ss. President Cleveland yesterday.

He was born in Worcester, Mass., in August, 1900. Following early schooling at Rockland, Maine and early training on sailing ships, in Government naval service, he transferred to the passenger liner, where he joined the Dollar Steamship Company, predecessor of American President Lines, on February 28, 1924 as Fourth Officer of the old President Polk.

Since that date his service includes the assignments of Chief Officer and Master of the steamers President Taft, Wilson, Cleveland, Pierce, Hayes, Jackson and Coolidge.

He was also Master of the ill-fated President Harrison and was confined in various Japanese prison camps after capture of the President Harrison by Japanese naval forces.

Placed in a most difficult position due to the outbreak of the Pacific war while the President Harrison was en route to North China to evacuate U.S. Marines, Captain Pierson endeavored to forestall the capture of his ship by beaching and scuttling her near the entrance of the Yangtze River.

With great perseverance and courage, he survived his confinement and was released by the U.S. Eighth Army in September, 1945 when American forces landed in Japan.

Brought back to San Francisco, he later took command of the new President Polk on that vessel's initial peacetime voyage around the world.

From the President Polk he was transferred to Master of the ss. General Meigs, which ship he left to become Master of the President Wilson.

On retirement of Commodore Henry Nelson, Captain Pierson was named Commodore of the President Lines fleet.

Further amendments to the controlled prices of foodstuffs have been made by the Price Control Office. The details are:

Meat—Canned: Boneless Half Middles Bacon—Pineapple Brand \$2.70 per lb.; Calves Tongues—Imperial Brand \$2.10 per 12 of tin; Ox Tongues—Swift Brand \$3.85 per 2 lbs. tin.

Tinned Milk—Sweetened: Eagle Sweetened Condensed Milk—35 cents per 4 oz. tin. Everyday Fullcream Powdered Milk \$3.60 per 3 lbs. tin; Everyday Fullcream Powdered Milk \$1.70 per 12 oz. tin.

Patent and Other Medicines: Philip's Milk of Magnesia Tablets \$3.05 per 2 1/2 lbs. bot. (incl. duty); Philip's Milk of Magnesia Tablets \$3.05 per 2 1/2 lbs. bot. (incl. duty); Butte-Tinned Pineapple Brand \$3.15 per 12 oz. tin.

Cheese—Swift Processed \$1.70 per 12 oz. tin. Margarine: Golden Pasture Brand Margarine \$3.25 per lbs. tin.

Meat—Canned: Corned Beef—Champion Brand \$1.40 per 12 oz. tin; Lamb Tongues—Champion Brand \$2.00 per 12 oz. tin; Corned Beef—Libby Brand (Australian) \$1.70 per 12 oz. tin; Boneless Middle Bacon—Pineapple Brand \$2.65 per lb.; Australian Vienna Sausages—Swift Brand \$1.75 per 12 oz. tin; Corned Beef—Swift Brand \$1.65 per 12 oz. tin.

Meat—Fresh: Mild Cured Ham (Australian). Pineapple Brand \$3.25 per lb.; Supreme Brand \$3.25 per lb. packed in Salt \$3.05 per lb.

Milk—Powdered: Dairy Pride Fullcream Spray Milk. Powder \$1.70 per lb. solid long.

Patent and Other Medicines: Buerba Eye-Mo. DF-655 \$3.50 per bot. (incl. duty); Stearns Pine Tar & Honey \$2.50 per 8 oz. bot. (incl. duty).

PORT COMMITTEE

Nine residents have been appointed members of the Port Committee for a further year with effect from February 17.

They are: Chairman, T. V. Mattheuan, OBE, RN, 24, D. F. Landale, Mr. E. G. Price, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. U. S. Wing.

Personalia

Mr. David J. Morgan, Senior Sales Manager for Pan American World Airways in Brussels, left for Manila by PAA yesterday to attend the fifth convention of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce there.

Air Commodore A. Briscoe, who has since December, 1948, been Principal Medical Officer, Maintenance Commands, has taken up a similar appointment at Headquarters, Far East Air Force.

Born at Rathmines, Dublin, in December, 1892, Air Commodore Briscoe was educated at Dublin High School and University College, Dublin, and was commissioned in the Medical Branch, Royal Air Force, in November, 1918.

Mr. James T. Rousseau has been reappointed as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. G. W. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rushmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Penhallow, Miss A. Webb, Mrs. M. Verspecke, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lobban, Messrs. E. E. Herman, H. Fletcher, G. F. Hoar, C. P. Gorry, R. Brines, Le Normand and M. Verspecke.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Major and Mrs. J. Dacre, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Edmiston, Mrs. C. Hutt, Miss M. Dadds, M. Duck, Miss S. K. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Booker, Messrs. L. C. Davies, S. S. Sylvester, B. Johnson, F. J. Morgan, G. C. Romain, R. C. Chen, C. Birch, C. H. Tucker and C. A. Fillingame.

Gunner C. Brooks, Rifleman Gallagher, Sergeant F. A. Barkley, Lance-Corporal J. D. Jacobs, Private J. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Neville J. Nooker and W. A. Sherwood left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Sir Miles and Lady Thomas left for Calcutta yesterday by BOAC. Sir Miles, Chairman of the Board of Directors of BOAC, has been here on a short inspection visit.

Mr. J. F. Ryan left Hong Kong for Rome by BOAC yesterday.

Mr. N. Napier was among the passengers who boarded the BOAC plane yesterday for Karachi.

Departures for Bangkok and Rangoon yesterday by BOAC included Messrs. Aw Hoo, Chang Hang-hong, M. Johnpol and C. J. Hsu.

Miss Lee Hing Sao-eh, and Messrs. K. Hefricher and S. H. de Kanton left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by CPA.

Mr. John Page and Mr. B. E. Nadeau left for Singapore by CPA yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denarie, Mr. and Mrs. Peyrou, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Poi and Mr. and Mrs. Langlois left Hong Kong for Haiphong yesterday by CPA.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones, Jr. are also expected to arrive here today by the ss. President Cleveland. Mr. Jones is Operations Engineer of Standard Vacuum Oil Company, of New York.

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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

HK SHIPMENTS TO CHINA

Sir—I am directed to invite your attention to the article which appeared on February 21, in the "China Mail," under the heading "Trade approach to U.S. Manufacturers by Peking Regime", which stated:

"Reports from the Hong Kong Government Marine Department show more than US\$100,000,000 in goods were delivered to Chinese Communist ports through Hong Kong in the seven months period ending December 31, 1948. The Chinese Nationalist Government estimates place the total at US\$200,000,000 worth of goods run past the Nationalist blockade through the British port during the seven months."

No information of this sort has been given to the Press. The Hong Kong Government Marine Department are not concerned with, nor have they any record of, the values of cargo leaving the port.

The Press has access only to "Clearances" and the Monthly Shipping Report, neither of which state values but only total tonnage of cargo loaded.

I am, Sir, etc.,
W. GORDON HARMON,
Public Relations Officer.
(The article concerned was an agency despatch, bearing a New York dateline.—Ed.)

BBC Listener competition

Have you been listening to the BBC's English Half-Hour for the Far East?

The Listener Competition began on February 19 and will end on March 4. Anyone in the Far East may take part in the competition.

Frank criticisms are invited on this transmission which is broadcast each day from 12 to 12.30 p.m. GMT on frequencies in the 11, 13 and 25 metre bands and rebroadcast by Radio Ceylon and the British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service.

Radio sets and books will be awarded to the writers of the best letters giving frank criticism of the English Half-Hour.

Competitors must abide by the following:

1. Listen to the English Half Hour for the Far East as often as possible during the fortnight, February 19 to March 4, 1950.
2. Write not less than 300 words and not more than 750 words criticising the programmes you have heard.
3. Send your letter to the English Half Hour, BBC, London.
4. Post by Air Mail not later than March 11, 1950, to arrive in London by April 1.
5. Don't forget to include your name, address, occupation and approximate age.

An application by the Police for the confiscation of 74 rounds of 45 ammunition was granted by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

In applying for the confiscation, Sub-Inspector S. H. Yuen said that on information received, Detective Sergeant 238, Chiu Sun went to the Tin Tai Wet village, Shaokui, on Thursday. The ammunition was found buried in a vacant plot.

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Youth gets seven years for rape

A 20-year-old unemployed youth who raped and robbed his adopted sister, aged 22, was sentenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes. Out of consideration of the prisoner's age, Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, ordered the sentence to be served concurrently with the four-year term he is now serving for breach of a deportation order.

Chau Yau, who has a record involving larceny and being a member of an unlawful society, was found guilty by a jury of six men and one woman who returned a unanimous verdict on both counts in the indictment without retiring to deliberate.

On the night of November 30 last, complainant, Chau Ping, was returning to her home at 448 Nathan Road, second floor, where she and the family stayed.

As she was walking up the stairs, she was accosted by accused, who suggested that she accompany him to the roof to get some clothing.

When they got to the roof, Chau brought out a knife and threatened the girl with it. With the help of a small boy he had taken to the roof, Chau tied up complainant and pulled her clothes up over her head so that she could not see.

Chau committed the offence of robbing the girl of a finger ring and a wrist watch.

He eventually left the roof, by the boy who later explained to the police that the man had threatened him into helping him.

The girl, who reported the matter to the police immediately after the incident, was found to have sustained bruises on the face, neck, forearm and ankles.

Accused's statement

In his own defence, Chau in a statement from the dock admitted having done the acts but explained that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing at the time.

Chau also said that he was sorry and would never do it again.

In the course of his summing-up of the case to the jury, the Senior Puisne Judge pointed out in connection with the accused's contention of drunkenness that there was no evidence to show that he was incapable of knowing what he was doing.

There was no evidence that he was so staggered around the place at the time.

After the verdict was returned, the prisoner was informed that the normal punishment for the offence of rape was five years. On account of his age this would be reduced to four and a half years. On the robbery count, Chau was given seven years and 10 strokes, to be served concurrently.

Referring to the four-year sentence Chau was serving for breach of a deportation order, Mr. Williams said the question to be decided now was whether he should be the present sentence consecutive to that one.

"Taking into consideration your age, I have decided otherwise," Mr. Williams declared.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall. The accused was not legally defended.

Search for missing professor continues

Where is Professor John K. Rideout? The mysterious disappearance of the Hong Kong University professor, missing for nine days, is still unsolved.

Police are baffled. Not one clue, one indication or one reason for his disappearance has been uncovered.

All that is known is that on February 16 the professor was walking on Pokfulam Road near Wing Pit Ting cemetery. Then he vanished.

The Professor of Oriental Languages finished a class lecture at Hong Kong University less than an hour before he was last seen.

The police discount suicide. They ask: "What would be the motive?"

Though the six-foot, bushy-haired professor suffered from a kidney ailment, he was not seriously ill, they add.

He had no family troubles. His professorship at Hong Kong University was a good position. He was well adjusted in his work.

Crime theory illogical

Police also doubt robbery or violent assault. They say the Professor was in a public area, with people all about. It was noon.

It is illogical that any crime would have been committed without the persons involved being seen, is the theory.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN

At 7.30 p.m. today at the Sterling Road Baptist Church in Kowloon City, three members of the New Zealand Evangelistic Team will start their third series of meetings in the Hong Kong Campaign of Youth For Christ.

The team is composed of George Curle, David Jacobson, and Edgar Burton, who flew to Hong Kong from Auckland, New Zealand, early in February.

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 ary, 1950, our new office ad-
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 the Companies (Re-
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 cords) Ordinance,
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and
 IN THE MATTER of
 Kian Chiong Com-
 pany, Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that the above-named Company
 has lost its Register of Mem-
 bers and that application has
 been made to the Registrar of
 Companies to reconstruct same
 and that the Statutory De-
 claration in support of the
 Company's application can be
 inspected on payment of such
 fees as may be prescribed in
 the office of the Registrar of
 Companies.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-
THER GIVEN calling upon all
 persons who claim to be en-
 titled to be registered as share-
 holders of the Company to
 notify the Company of their
 full names and addresses, their
 claim and the evidence upon
 which it is based within three
 months from the expiration of
 the calendar week in which
 this advertisement in the news-
 paper circulating in the Colony
 appears, namely the 2nd day
 of March, 1950.

Dated the 23rd day of
 February, 1950.

A. S. K. LAU & CO.
 Solicitors for
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 the Companies Ordinance
 (Reconstruction of Re-
 cords) Ordinance, 1947

and
 IN THE MATTER of
 Kian Chiong Com-
 pany, Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that the above-named company
 has lost its Memorandum and Ar-
 ticles of Association and that
 it is proposed to adopt a new
 Memorandum and Articles of
 Association.

A copy of the proposed new
 Memorandum and Articles of
 Association may be inspected
 at the office of the company
 at No. 219, Wing Lok Street,
 first floor, Victoria in the
 Colony of Hong Kong, or at
 the offices of Messrs. A. S. K.
 Lau & Co. of Room No. 226,
 Wang Hing Building, No. 10,
 Queen's Road, Central, Vic-
 toria, aforesaid, the solicitors
 for the company at any time
 during office hours.

Any person who objects to
 such proposed new Memorandum
 and Articles of Association
 and should file the same
 with the Registrar of Com-
 panies, Supreme Court, Hong
 Kong, with the address for
 service within the Colony of
 the person objecting thereto
 not later than the 1st day of
 June, 1950.

Dated the 23rd day of
 February, 1950.

A. S. K. LAU & CO.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that the FIFTY-EIGHTH OR-
 DINARY YEARLY MEETING
 OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
 Company will be held at the
 Offices of Messrs. Jardine,
 Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
 MONDAY, 20th March, 1950,
 at NOON to receive the Report
 of the Directors together with
 the Statement of Accounts for
 the year ended 31st December,
 1949, to confirm the appoint-
 ment of two Directors, and to
 elect Directors, and to appoint Au-
 ditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
 of the Company will be closed
 from MONDAY, 6th March,
 1950, to MONDAY, 20th March,
 1950, both days inclusive,
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By Order of the Board
 of Directors,
B. C. FIELD,
 Secretary.
 Hong Kong, February 24, 1950.

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 Period operating 1st—18th March (Sundays excepted)
 Hours 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.
Stanley Centre (Annex of Medical Department Clinic)
 Period operating 20th & 21st March
 Hours 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.
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 Hours 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.
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 Hours 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.
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 ment Staff Quarters)
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 Hours 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.

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 Period operating 1st—31st March (Sundays excepted)
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 Period operating 1st—31st March (Sundays excepted)
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N. B. M. WHITLEY,
 Secretary, Urban Council
 February 24, 1950.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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6,251 " 9,375 "		24.75 "	24 "
9,376 " 12,500 "		23.1 "	22.4 "
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For THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.,
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Agents.

Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

THE HONGKONG

ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that the FIFTY-SEVENTH OR-
 DINARY MEETING OF SHARE-
 HOLDERS will be held at the
 Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. &
 O. Building, on Thursday, the
 16th day of March, 1950, at
 11 a.m. for the purpose of re-
 ceiving the Report of the Board
 of Directors together with the
 Statement of Accounts for the
 year ended 31st December, 1949,
 and to elect Directors and ap-
 point Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
 Company will be closed from
 4th March to 18th March, 1950,
 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
CO., LTD.
 Agents.
 Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
 It is hereby notified that
 tenders for provision of hos-
 pital diets for all hospitals and
 institutions under this depart-
 ment are invited.

Full particulars and pro-
 cedure for tendering were
 published in the Government
 Gazette of February 10, 1950.
 Notification No. 172, or can be
 obtained from the Secretary,
 Medical Department, Hong
 Kong & Shanghai Bank Build-
 ing, First Floor.

I. NEWTON,
 Director
 of Medical Services.
 Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that
 sealed tenders in duplicate,
 which should be clearly mark-
 ed "Tender for making Sum-
 mer Uniforms for Matrons and
 Sisters, Medical Department",
 will be received at the Office
 of the Chairman, Tender Board,
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 Albert Road, until noon on
 Friday the 10th March, 1950.

Forms of Tender, Specifica-
 tion and further particulars
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J. WATSON,
 Acting Controller
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 Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

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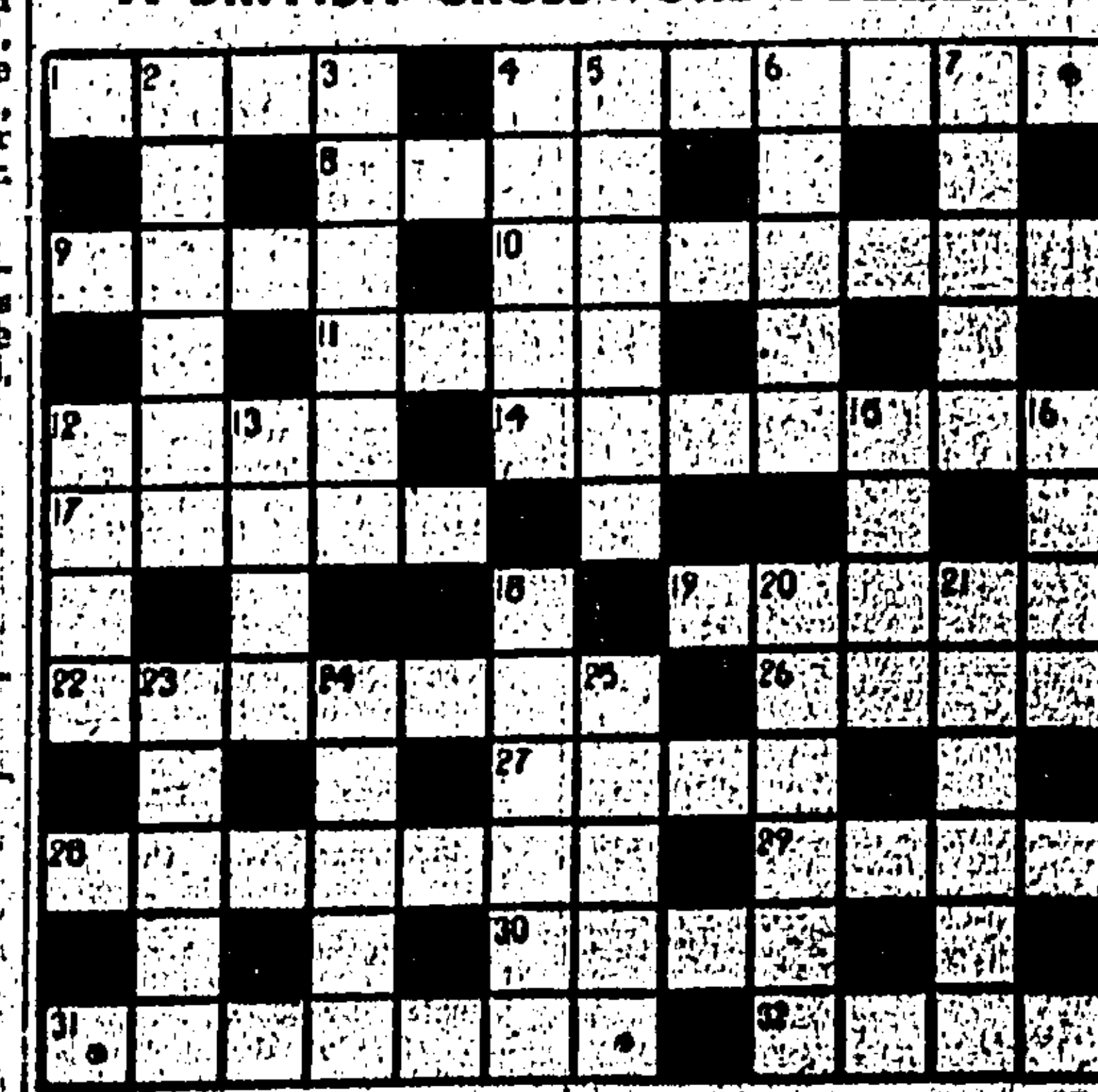
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By Shepard Barclay

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DO TRUMP THAT ACE
 TRUMPING your partner's ace
 is, traditionally, joked about as if
 it were the worst possible play in
 the game. It is sometimes, in
 fact, usually. But on certain oc-
 casions, failure to trump his ace,
 or what is the same thing—
 trump some other sure winner
 can be a terrible play. Therefore
 many types of situations in which
 it should be done. One is that in
 which you definitely desire the
 lead yourself at that stage. An-
 other is when you want to save
 your partner from having to
 make an embarrassing lead to
 the next trick.
 S Q 7 6 5 4
 H 5 4
 D A Q J 10
 C 5 2
 S 4 H A K Q 9
 D 3 2 W E D 8 6 5 4
 D 9 7 S 3 2
 C A Q 7 S C 10 9 6 4
 H J 10 6
 D K
 C K J 8 3
 (Dealer: East. East-West vul-
 nerable).
 East South West North
 Pass 1 S 3 H 3 S
 Pass 4 S
 Here was one case in which
 confidence in a good partner, pon-
 dered out. West thought about
 sacrificing against that contract,
 with 5-Hearts. But he saw a
 chance of taking maybe three
 tricks in his own hand, and knew
 that if East could eke out a trick
 in any way, he was the boy that
 would do it. So, hoping to beat
 South's game, he restrained him-
 self from sacrificing. Shortly
 afterward he was glad he did.
 West led his heart K and fol-
 lowed it with his Q—which to all
 intents and purposes was the
 same as an ace, since it was
 held by either side. Note that if East
 discarded on this good card, West
 could take only one more trick
 by any lead of his own. If he
 switched to anything except a
 club, or repeated hearts, South
 could discard all but two of his
 club losers on diamonds.
 East, however, was in there
 thinking. He saw that the best
 chance to beat the contract was
 if West held club honors over
 South. So he trumped the heart
 Q with the spade 3 and led back
 the club 10. The resultant two
 tricks with the Q and A beat the
 game, before South could mobilize
 his own forces.
 Tomorrow's Problem:
 S 3
 H K 4
 D A Q 9 7 4 3
 C A K 8 3
 S A 8 7 5
 H Q J 10
 W 7 6
 D K 3
 C J 10
 S K Q J 10 8 6 4 2
 H 9 3
 D J
 C 7 2
 (Dealer: South. East-West vul-
 nerable).
 Following declarer's 4-Spade
 pre-empt, what defence should
 be tried, in the effort to set it?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
 1 Weaken. recess.
 4 Convince. 10 Theatre.
 6 At a dis- sent.
 8 stance. 22 Assembly.
 9 Steady. 26 Spoken.
 10 Cheap. 27 Ooze.
 11 Inac- acquisition. 28 Straight-
 12 Dis- laced.
 14 Getting on 29 Attendant.
 in age. 30 Bare.
 17 Window 33 Dandy.

Down
 2 Hong 13 Active.
 around. 15 Bellow.
 3 Speculate. 16 Shrug.
 4 Sword. 18 Mad.
 5 Fit for. 19 Surprised.
 cultivation. 21 Fall behind.
 6 Fireplace. 23 Feet.
 7 Ornamental. 24 Banned.
 ending. 25 Claim.
 12 Froth.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS:—1 Cognac, 6 Molar,
 8 Polar, 9 Zeleem, 10 Ruff, 11
 Sprig, 12 Crow, 13 Mice, 14 De-
 pend, 15 Bulky, 20 Tides, 21 Ade,
 22 Assent, 23 Unhappy, 24 Gums,
 25 Breeze.

Indo-China faces Red menace

By a special correspondent

It's rather ungrateful, when you're sitting in a cinema and something goes bump in the night and you realise it's a hand grenade. Even if the thing hasn't gone off.

Similarly, there is something disturbing about trying to relax at the table of an expensive hotel, wondering if the assassin's jeep will suddenly begin to spray machine-gun bullets.

And it's disconcerting to be awakened in the night and not be sure if the bangs across the chest were made by rifle fire or Chinese fireworks.

But that's how it is in Saigon, a charming fragment of France in the sweltering tropics, where even the newest arrivals from Paris know that Indo-China has been chosen as an international Communist's next victory after China itself.

The West is understandably irritated by the recognition of Ho Chi-minh's guerrilla government by Russia and her satellites. But in point of fact the disident Vietnamese do dominate most of the country, and as I have indicated, make their malignant presence felt even in the big towns.

VOTERS' VERDICT

The most exciting aspect of the General Election must have been the neck-and-neck race between the two major parties, as the fresh batch of results began to come in during yesterday evening.

By noon it seemed pretty clear that the Labour Party was on its way back to office, and that the Great Liberal Landslide was going into the abyss. But the results, as they came through from London in the evening, showed a steady turn of the tide in favour of the Conservatives, and when this page went to press it looked as though the result would be so close as to make another election necessary. It was an exciting experience listening in as the reports came over the air every few minutes and showed the Tory colours edging up nearer and nearer on those of Labour.

Some breath of heroic days had been brought into the campaign by Mr. Churchill's sudden production of his travelling bag, marked "To Moscow." It was otherwise a bread-and-butter election with a large amount of common ground. The Welfare State has been growing up too fast to be repudiated even by the most truly rural of John Bulls. Nationalisation is a bloodless business at best, and even so it was simply a question of just a little more—or simply no more. The campaign itself was nice and polite. Even Mr. Churchill, who knows what it is to be impolite, agreed on that, except for one remark by Sir Stafford Cripps about "gutterball politics" after one of Mr. Churchill's speeches.

There were no last-minute tricks like the Zimvict Letter. The electors went about with their brows furrowed with sober thought, only too anxious to do the right thing. They did not appear shaken by the warnings about making an awful example of their country in voting for Socialism while all the rest of the free world, except Scandinavia, were passing by on the other side. They were true to the sound instinct against third party meddling. The Liberals went into this election with well over 400 candidates, many of them put up spontaneously by local Liberals who ran the Party's Central Committee off their feet. By the time one-third of the seats had been declared, they had one success and one only. For that they mustered more than 823,000 votes and thus enabled something like 800,000 conscientious but misguided electors to waste their votes entirely on an avenger.

It's a shame, of course, but that is the way the direct system works. Proportional representation would have produced a stalemate at the 1951 election, when the Liberal and Conservative popular vote was practically the same as that of the Labourites who nevertheless returned to Parliament with a thumping majority in the House. For good or ill that Parliament was able to get through an important and effective bill, the Education Bill, which was the first of a series of measures to be introduced by the Government.

Beginning of the end

If they should succeed completely it will be the beginning of the end of all Western influence in the Far East, as well as independent nationalism. Siam could not last long after India, China, and soon Burma would be swallowed up. The "rice bowl" of Asia would have become the entire prerogative of the Reds, whose next objective would be either Malaya or India.

Indo-China is now theoretically independent under the emperor Bao Dai, but the rebels claim he is only a puppet and that France is as firmly entrenched in administrative control as ever.

Realistic Frenchmen point out that most of the monetary capital in the land, and the banks and commerce, belongs to the country's economy would collapse.

Equally matter-of-fact Chinese in large numbers are not unduly concerned about the outcome. They are the mainstay of the French, and commerce with the guerrilla-held interior, somehow managing to bring quantities of the rich tropical products to the coast, and supplying the rest of the country with imported goods.

The happy-go-lucky, unbusinesslike Vietnamese wish for peace and stability. Those in the country are probably anti-French, certainly they do not hinder the bandits. Those who live in the cities, almost invariably speaking French, would be reluctant to see the gay, efficient foreigner leave, but they could do little to help him.

Uncertain control

An uncertain and patchy control is maintained by tens of thousands of French soldiers, but they are sadly in need of modern weapons, planes and tanks in particular.

In some areas it is possible to travel about by road with the knowledge that mines, grenades and bullets may put a sudden end to the trip. Main communication lines in Air France, whose late model aircraft with their cover-way above the chaotic turbulence of the jungle below, providing passengers with all the international comforts and the added luxury of champagne gratis at night.

This vital service has been maintained with efficiency in face of many difficulties. Passengers notice little, except that when leaving Saigon for the airport before dawn, they are rushed from the depot at top speed in a bus without lights. It is a matter of life and death.

ment who insisted that a talking-shop of professional politicians was obsolete in the Age of Science and Expertise, and that Functional or Occupational Representation ought to take the place of the system of an Agricultural Age.

If the final result is a stalemate, the Conservatives will force a straight fight in the next election on the single issue of Nationalisation. The Nationalisation scheme has proved a very hard thing. But it has been called an silent revolution—and that in fact is what it did really amount to. The difficulty is to make the Communists abroad see it that way—the Communists at home do not. The Communists have been slow to see the revolution. It was not until the Communists had been in power for some time that they began to see the need for a revolution. It was not until the Communists had been in power for some time that they began to see the need for a revolution.

is unnecessary to provide lurking guerrillas with an illuminated target.

Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh consolidated his position immediately after the war. The French, he told the people, had shown how unable they were to protect their own colonies against invasion by Japan. After 7-7 Day there was no foreign administration in existence, and Ho immediately formed a Vietnamese government which has continued in the background ever since. Thus there has come into being the dangerous situation of two recognised regimes in the same country, and an extension of the cold war into something that is as fiery as the climate.

The supposedly excitable Latins in Saigon, however, show surprisingly little nervous tension of undue worry. They stroll in boulevard cafes sipping victoriously-coloured aperitifs, and watching the passing parade of their own countrymen, of Vietnamese, Chinese, Indians and other races of Asia in national costume. The dress of the ladies of Vietnam is charming in the extreme—ground-length, black, flowing silk trousers of equal length underneath. They retain their dignity in this outfit, even when inconspicuously riding Western bicycles.

The city is a gourmet's paradise. Some chefs are up to Parisian standards, and of course there is the added spice of innumerable Oriental restaurants. Unlike British Hong Kong, there is no formally even in the evening, and the average diner in the best places is attired in open-neck shirt and linen slacks.

Little tension

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VOTERS' VERDICT

The most exciting aspect of the General Election must have been the neck-and-neck race between the two major parties, as the fresh batch of results began to come in during yesterday evening.

By noon it seemed pretty clear that the Labour Party was on its way back to office, and that the Great Liberal Landslide was going into the abyss. But the results, as they came through from London in the evening, showed a steady turn of the tide in favour of the Conservatives, and when this page went to press it looked as though the result would be so close as to make another election necessary. It was an exciting experience listening in as the reports came over the air every few minutes and showed the Tory colours edging up nearer and nearer on those of Labour.

Some breath of heroic days had been brought into the campaign by Mr. Churchill's sudden production of his travelling bag, marked "To Moscow." It was otherwise a bread-and-butter election with a large amount of common ground. The Welfare State has been growing up too fast to be repudiated even by the most truly rural of John Bulls. Nationalisation is a bloodless business at best, and even so it was simply a question of just a little more—or simply no more. The campaign itself was nice and polite. Even Mr. Churchill, who knows what it is to be impolite, agreed on that, except for one remark by Sir Stafford Cripps about "gutterball politics" after one of Mr. Churchill's speeches.

There were no last-minute tricks like the Zimvict Letter. The electors went about with their brows furrowed with sober thought, only too anxious to do the right thing. They did not appear shaken by the warnings about making an awful example of their country in voting for Socialism while all the rest of the free world, except Scandinavia, were passing by on the other side. They were true to the sound instinct against third party meddling. The Liberals went into this election with well over 400 candidates, many of them put up spontaneously by local Liberals who ran the Party's Central Committee off their feet. By the time one-third of the seats had been declared, they had one success and one only. For that they mustered more than 823,000 votes and thus enabled something like 800,000 conscientious but misguided electors to waste their votes entirely on an avenger.

It's a shame, of course, but that is the way the direct system works. Proportional representation would have produced a stalemate at the 1951 election, when the Liberal and Conservative popular vote was practically the same as that of the Labourites who nevertheless returned to Parliament with a thumping majority in the House. For good or ill that Parliament was able to get through an important and effective bill, the Education Bill, which was the first of a series of measures to be introduced by the Government.

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Busy for years

In a recent run along part of the New Guinea coast thousands of empty 14-gallon petrol drums were found. There are in keen demand in places like Fiji for copra exports.

In some of the inhabited islands of the Pacific the war has left a legacy of unrest among the native populations.

Typical of this is the Marching Rule movement in the Solomons. Vaguely nationalist in its aims, it has hindered the rehabilitation of the coconut plantations by encouraging the natives to expect the high wages they received from the Americans during the war.

One of the prospects it holds out is a dream of bringing back the ships back to the islands loaded with the goods that poured ashore in endless profusion during the war.

Pest of snails

Another legacy of the war left by the Japanese is the scourge of giant snails which destroy plantations and gardens like a horde of locusts. Bred by the Japanese as a table delicacy, the snails came originally from East Africa, but in the Pacific freed from enemies which kept them under control in their native habitat, they have multiplied with amazing rapidity.

They are huge eaters and sometimes grow to a length of 14 inches. After rain they sometimes swarm over the roads, and the shells of the larger ones are so strong that they can be driven over them without breaking them.

In New Britain, where the Japanese bred the snails in large numbers, the pest is especially bad. Gardens which have hitherto been untouched are now stripped completely bare. In a night, nothing being left but bare ground. Big have been carried to other islands, and unless the pest can be controlled, it may prove a more lasting menace to the islands than anything the Japanese accomplished.

From nothing

In a matter of a few weeks explosions and great machines and sweat the jungle away. Bulldozers and steam shovels had leveled the surface, huge rollers had pounded it smooth, and hard, and a bomber force was using the island as an advanced base to attack Rabaul. At the same time thousands of tons of supplies were pouring ashore from ships moored at newly built piers.

Few people have heard of this base, which was named Birlik, a tiny speck in the Northern Solomons, yet hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent by the Americans in establishing it. The same story could be told of dozens more bases stretching Northward toward Japan.

Today it is a very different story. The last troops have long departed. Much of the equipment has been removed, but great quantities still remain. It is rapidly being swallowed up by the encroaching jungle which reclaims its former dominion with incredible speed. Many of the airfields and roads have already returned to jungle. Perishable equipment has long succumbed to the speedy climate, and the remaining iron, like the steel, is rotting and rust, which appears thickly in a few hours, has coated the landscape in a layer of rust.

But there are still some pickings among these ruins for those who hunt the jungle for possession.

A New Zealand firm which bought a leasehold estate in the Solomons, has been busy for some time in salvaging scrap metal and other materials. The firm has been successful in finding a large quantity of scrap metal, which it has been able to export to New Zealand. The firm has also been successful in finding a large quantity of scrap metal, which it has been able to export to New Zealand.

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Paving the way for economic measures ANTI-COMMUNIST MOVE

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 23. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. DEAN ACHESON DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SENDING A SPECIAL SURVEY MISSION TO SOUTH EAST ASIA TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR AMERICAN HELP IN BOLSTERING THAT AREA AGAINST COMMUNISM.

A State Department group headed by R. Allen Griffin, publisher of the Monterey California, "Peninsula-Herald," is due to leave next week on a tour of five countries.

One is the new French-supported State of Viet Nam in Indo-China which promises to become a cold war hot spot because of the Communist sweep in neighbouring China.

Diplomatic authorities said the group will look into the needs of Indo-China and other countries for military as well as economic assistance. Countries in the itinerary include Malaya, Burma, Thailand and Indonesia.

The State Department announced details of the mission after Secretary Acheson told Senators of American plans for South East Asia. He said that in Indo-China there would be discussions on economic aid with the Government of Bao Dai, the Viet Nam Chief of State. Such talks already are going on with Thailand, Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Griffin was deputy to Roger Lapham, chief of the ECA mission to China until the ECA was forced to stop its work on the China mainland last summer. He is a veteran of two World Wars, and won the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in World War Two.

Mr. Griffin will be accompanied by a small group of technical experts and by Samuel Hayes, special assistant to Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, and by William McAlister, an area specialist in the Department's Far Eastern Affairs Bureau.

An announcement said the mission will visit Saigon, Singapore, Rangoon, Bangkok and Jakarta. The mission will study needs for possible projects throughout the South East and also lay the groundwork for programmes under the pending point-four aid legislation for under-developed areas.

Deeply concerned
Also, to be looked into is the possibility of using Indo-China as a base for Communist operations. A US\$100,000,000 loan was promised this month to Indonesia.

Outlining American official plans in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Acheson said the State Department is deeply concerned over the so-called river flows of Asia, which include Indo-China, Thailand and Burma.

The United States looks hopefully, he said, for the South East Asia countries to join together in an economic, political and social programme to be backed by limited American dollar assistance. Mr. Acheson stressed that these countries themselves must take the initiative in forming any such union, and made it clear that there is no present thought of an aid programme large enough to "undermine" a Marshall plan for Asia.

The Secretary made his mention of American military assistance. This is under consideration for at least four countries—Viet Nam, Indonesia, Thailand and India. At

present Mr. Truman has a free hand to support them with arms up to the limits of his special US\$75,000,000 fund for use in the general area of China.

Warns against hosty action

Acheson's testimony centred on support for the third year ECA programme for Western Europe, but he also discussed developments in Indonesia and neighbour lands which are apparently shaping up toward a climax.

Russia and Soviet bloc countries have extended diplomatic recognition to Ho in a move which has American diplomatic authorities puzzled.

Mr. Acheson warned Congress against rushing into any anti-Communist Marshall plan for South East Asia until the Asiatics ask for help.

Mr. Acheson told the Committee that the nations of South East Asia must take the initiative if they want American economic help along the lines of the European Recovery Programme.

He reminded the Committee that Congress and the administration were all on record as favouring United States support for the nations of South East Asia. But he warned that more harm than good might come from the United States taking the lead in a programme of economic recovery aimed at stopping Communism in that part of the world.

Russian war potential

Senator Alexander Smith asked if the Russian development of the atomic bomb and the current race for the H-bomb had affected the recovery-security picture in Europe.

Mr. Acheson replied that atomic development obviously increases the difficulty of the situation. He pointed out that the increase in Russian military potential is a very important factor, and made (even more necessary) Congressional approval of the \$2,500,000,000 (four-year) ERP extension asked by the Administration.

Senator Smith asked if the United States should take the lead for an Asiatic Marshall Plan, pointing out that the former Secretary of State, General George Marshall, did exactly that for Western Europe in a speech at Harvard University in 1948.

Mr. Acheson replied that since Congress and the President are already on record as favouring such action, a further statement would hamper and not aid such development.

Senator Smith asked if the appointment of a saving or special ambassador for the Asiatic area is under consideration.

Mr. Acheson said the State Department has given it a good deal of thought, but is awaiting the return of the Ambassador, Philip Jessup, from Asia before deciding.

No commitment on Taiwan
Asked if he would support additional economic assistance to the Chinese-Nationalists in Taiwan, after the present funds expire on June 30, Mr. Acheson said he was not ready to commit himself on that.

In response to other questions, Mr. Acheson said:
(1) The United States must give the very deepest study to the problem of increasing imports of European goods.
(2) The United States has already advanced an Export and Import Bank loan to Indonesia, and further aid may be forthcoming. Close relations with the Philippines will continue.

Another KMT approach to Generalissimo

Taipei, February 23. The Kuomintang Standing Committee in a meeting today for the third time urged the party chief, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to resume the Presidency.

Similar requests made at Chungking and Chengtu, were declined by Chiang, but one of the highest Kuomintang authorities told the United Press that the Generalissimo is expected to receive this latest appeal more sympathetically.

There was no answer yet from Chiang, however. The source said the Party still desires the return of General Li Tsung-jen, who is recuperating from an operation in the United States, to return to the role of Acting President even if Chiang agrees to resume office.—United Press.

QUIRINO OFFER ON JAPAN

Manila, February 24. President Quirino today disclosed that he had offered Manila as the seat of the forthcoming Japanese peace conference and said the Philippines continues in its stand that the treaty should be concluded as soon as possible.

The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Felino Neri, said the President's offer of Manila as the peace conference site was made to President Truman in Mr. Quirino's last trip to United States, when he underwent an operation in Baltimore.

Mr. Neri said the Philippines is desirous of an early peace settlement but indicated that there seems to be no prospect of an early peace conference. He doubts that the peace conference will be held this year.

Mr. Quirino, who is concurrently Foreign Secretary, said the Philippines attitude toward the Japanese problem had not changed one bit.

This statement referred to the Philippines' general attitude toward Japan, which may be summed up as follows:

1. Opposition to revival of Japan to such a level as to enable her to constitute a threat once more to the peace of Asia.
2. Opposition to giving Japan an international personality prior to conclusion of a peace treaty.
3. Acceptance of Japan in the community of nations only after her democratization.

4. Continuation of Japanese reparations payments.—United Press.

PAYMENTS SCHEME WITHDRAWALS

London, February 23. The Treasury announced today that in the seventh settlement under the Indo-European payments scheme of January, a total of £10,174,929 was drawn from the United Kingdom.

Applications were: Austria, £7,014,285. Turkey has now used up the £12,000,000 worth of sterling granted to her as bilateral drawing rights by the United Kingdom. She has begun to draw on her multilateral drawing rights by exercising them in favour of Britain to meet her requirements for sterling, the statement said.—Reuter.

Another attack on Shanghai by Nationalists

Taipei, February 23. Chiang Kai-shek's planes struck Shanghai harbour shipping and Chusan Island again today in a series of air raids which, the Nationalists say, are encouraging a growing guerrilla campaign against the Chinese Communists. Air headquarters said direct hits were scored on three ocean-going ships in Shanghai harbour and a number of small craft were sunk or damaged.

The planes also damaged Chinese Red installations on Chusan Island, 100 miles to the South.

Sources here said that the guerrilla campaign, given strength by successful Nationalist air attacks on coastal power and industrial installations, have spread vastly.

Guerrillas are active now in seven provinces—Kansu, Szechwan, Hupeh, Hunan, Fukien, Kiangsu and Kwangtung. Reports of the increased guerrilla warfare on the mainland encourage the Nationalists here. With Nanking and Shanghai power plants hard hit, they were planning new raids on Canton installations. Residents there have been warned to move away from the power plant.

A Nationalist official said in reply to Chinese Communist broadcasts that American and Japanese pilots are flying planes attacking coastal cities. "Even the most glib of their followers can hardly be expected to believe such nonsense."

Accurate bombings

Nationalist bombing of Shanghai city has been accurate and accurate, according to arrivals here who recently left the Chinese city.

The greater part of the city is without light and water as a result of the air attacks, they said.

Before they left, it was estimated that it would take several weeks to repair the damage to the power station.

It was also estimated that, when the repairs are completed, the output will not exceed 20 per cent of the normal supply.

Some 2,000 Chinese have been killed or wounded during the air attacks. Up to the time the information left Shanghai, no foreign casualties were reported.

Exorbitant taxation, they added, is adding to the misery of Shanghai residents. Eighty-seven cents out of every dollar go to the tax collectors. Further increase of taxes is expected.

One informant said that the new Chinese authorities apparently do not realise where they are heading. He added: "They are drooling with acquisitive, vindictive greed."

Bomb target
Referring to the Nationalist bombing, he said that the city has also been warned that the entire Bund is a target area, and is likely to be attacked on fine days.

The Bund area includes wharves, jetties, godowns, buildings and shops.

He said that there is nothing to prevent the Nationalists from hitting the targets.

Owners of buildings along the Bund have plastered windows with tape and paper in the hope that this will prevent shattering and protect life and property.

Regarding the Nationalist blockade, he said that it is 100 per cent effective.—Associated Press.

THREAT AGAINST GARREAU

Geneva February 23. M. Robert Garreau, French President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, today received a letter from "The Arab Terrorist Organisation in Egypt" threatening to shoot him like a dog unless he did his utmost to implement the United Nations resolution to internationalise Jerusalem.

M. Garreau read the letter to the Council, at the beginning of this afternoon's debate on Jerusalem. Laughter punctuated his words.

"We have no explanation other than the fact that you have been heavily bribed by the Jews. We give you fair warning that if you do not do your utmost to see that the General Assembly resolution is implemented we shall shoot you like a dog. This is a final warning."

Mr. Garreau said that the letter was signed "The Palestine Arab Terrorist Organisation in Egypt." In the margin were the words "Remember Bernadotte."

Mr. Garreau said that he thought he was hardly the right person to receive such a letter. "I have been a most tenacious defender of the 'internationalisation of Jerusalem' he commented amid laughter."

The Egyptian delegate, Mustafa Bey, intervened to state that there were no terrorist organisations, Arab or otherwise, in Egypt.

On the Egyptian delegate's request, M. Garreau gave him the letter and envelope for the Egyptian Government to carry out an enquiry.—Reuter.

FIRE IN CARRIER

San Diego, February 23. Fire broke out tonight on board the aircraft carrier "Valley Forge" docked at the naval air station.

The "Valley Forge" is a 27,000-ton craft. The Naval Headquarters, which announced the outbreak, said that it began at 6.07 p.m. GMT and the extent of the blaze was not immediately known.

The "Valley Forge" was built in 1946. It has a complement of 2,000 men. She can carry more than 100 aircraft, although the normal quota is 82.

Ships of this category—the Essex-class—were estimated to cost about \$70,000,000 each.—Reuter.

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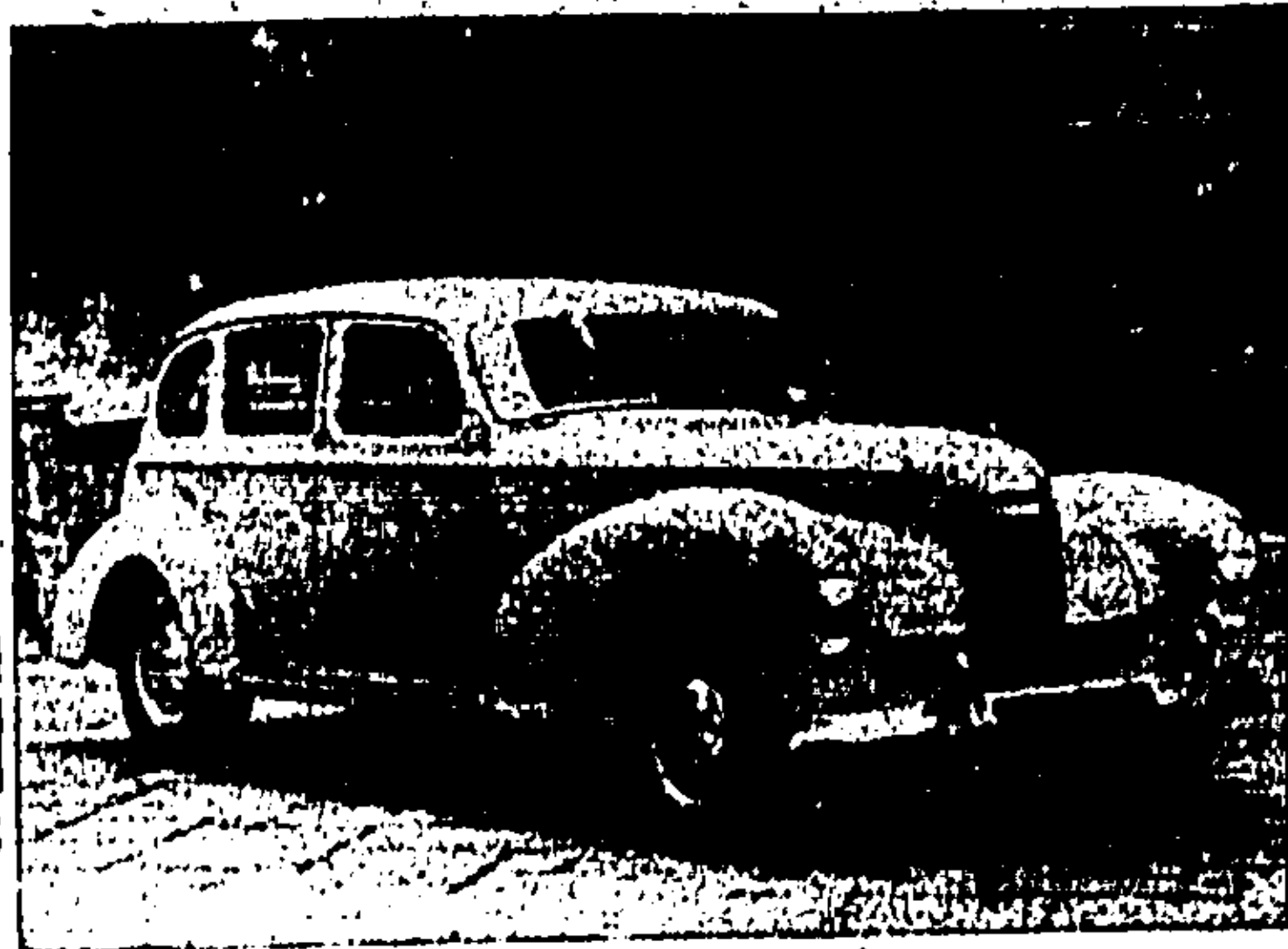
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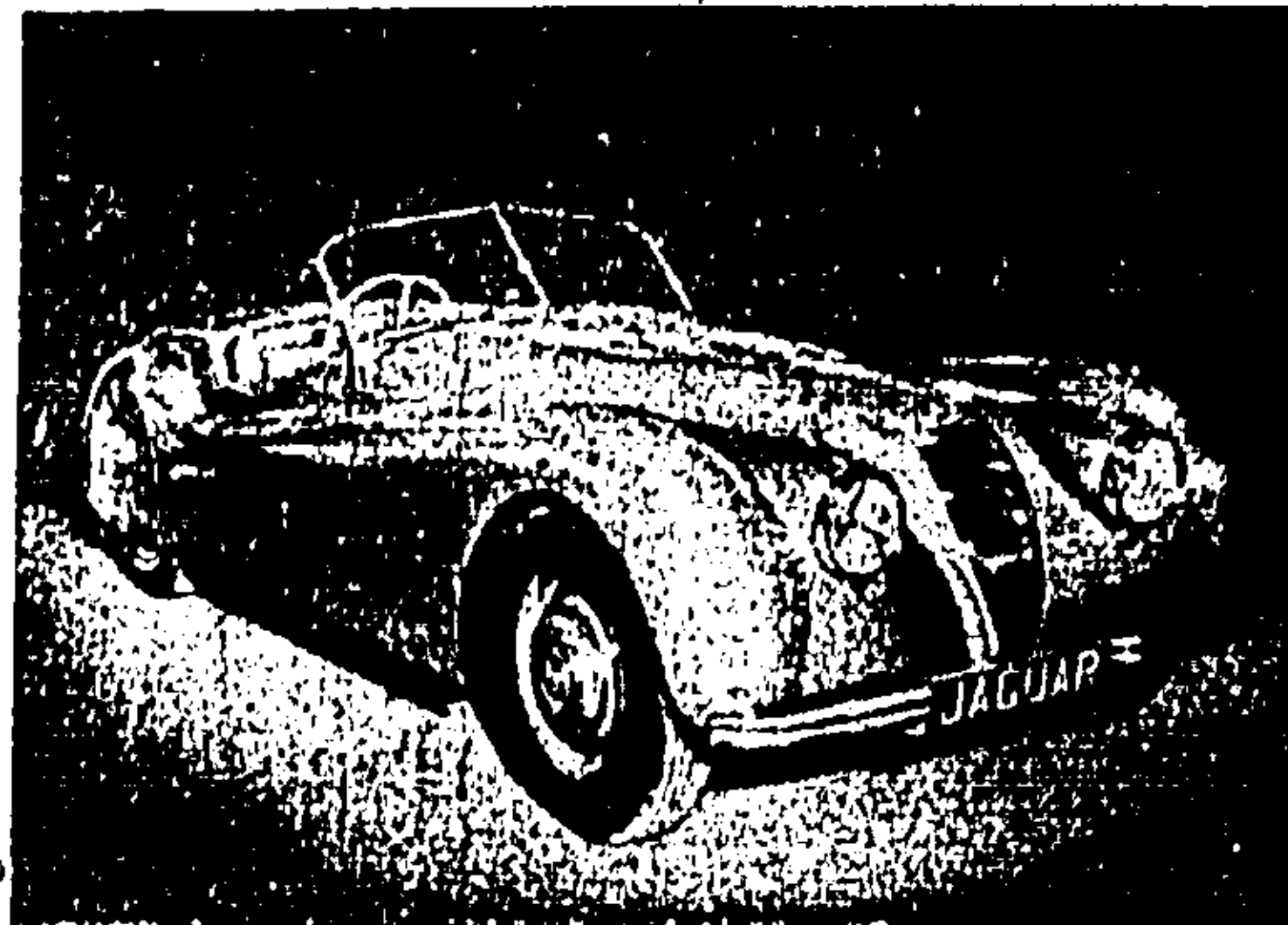


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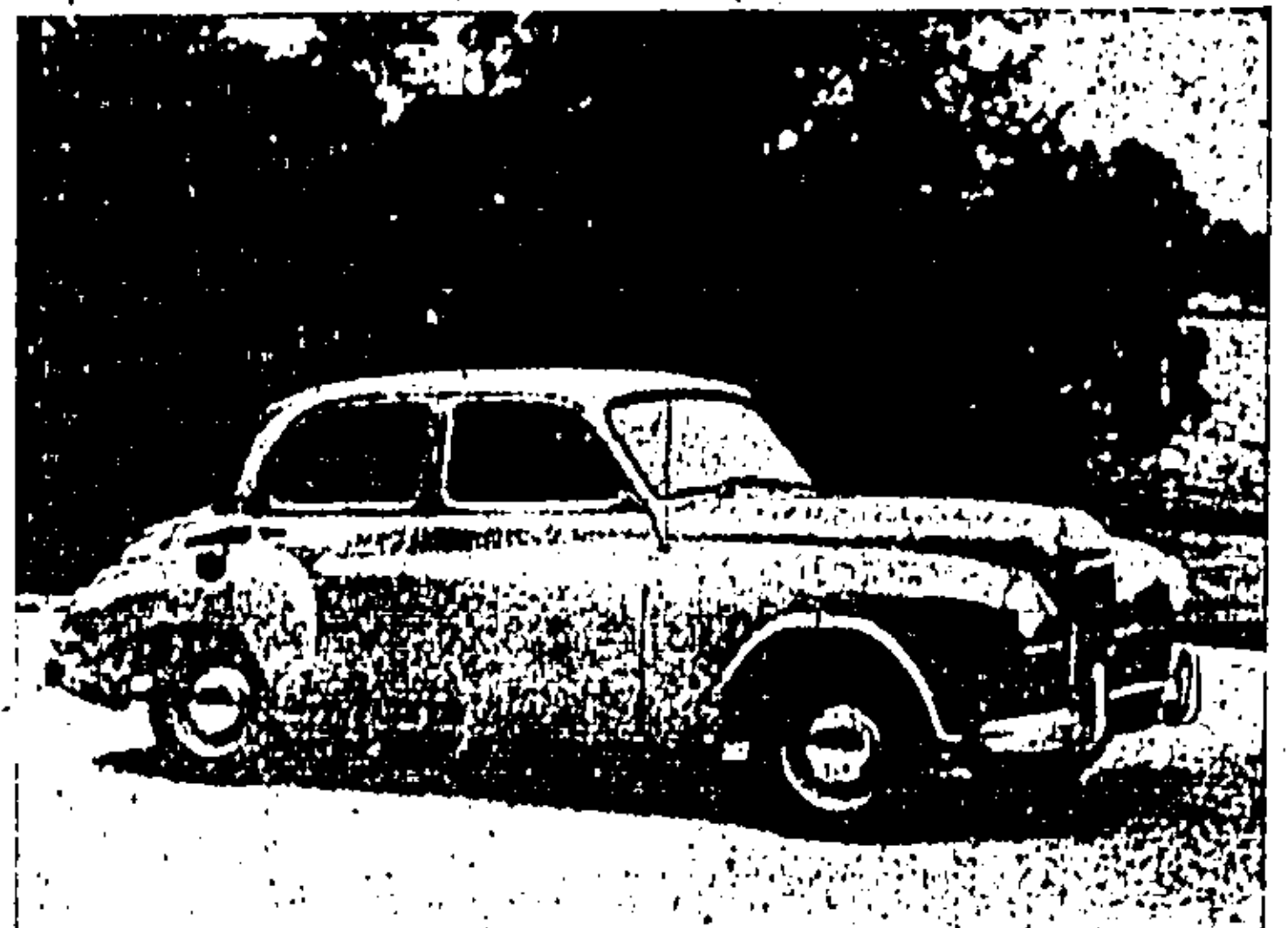
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New Volkswagen models

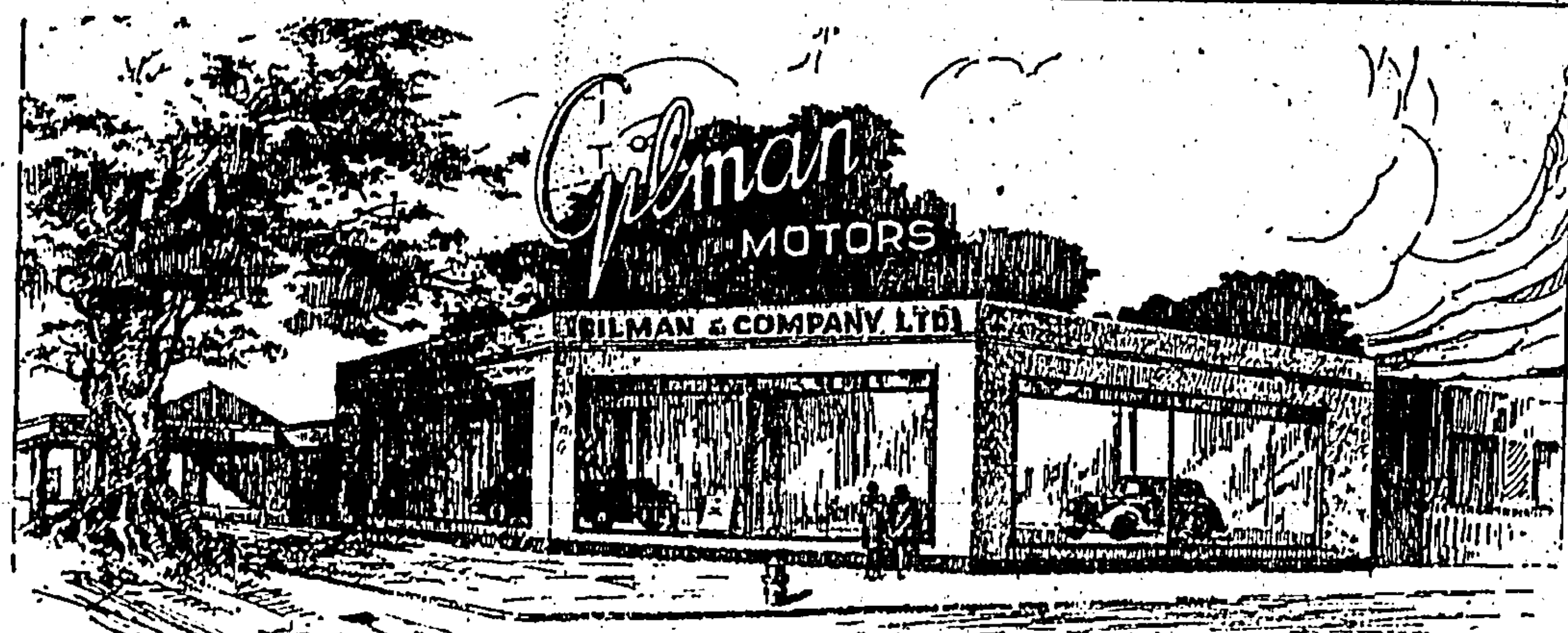
The management of the Volkswagen factory, recently returned to the control of the German authorities, has lost no time in announcing new models to supplement the existing four-seater car.

There are three new types—a 15 cwt van, a station wagon and an eight-seater bus on a new structure evolved by Dr. Haesner, previously with Adler and Phanonien.

The normal Volkswagen chassis layout is retained, and the same mechanical components are used, but the front seats are moved to a position over the front wheels, leaving the whole centre section of the vehicle for disposable load.

This gives a space 6ft 7in long, 4ft 11in wide and 4ft 5in high, and behind this is a further space over the engine compartment.

MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS



HONG KONG'S "LITTLE EARL'S COURT" SHOW AT GILMAN'S

Gilman's Annual Motor Show, the only event of its kind in the Colony, and one which is always eagerly awaited by all keen motorists opened yesterday.

Doors opened promptly at 4 p.m. and soon the main showroom was thronged with visitors who crowded round the comprehensive range of 1950 models on display.

The number of exhibits is larger than ever before and as well as displaying cars, accessories, tyres and service equipment Gilman's have included as an entirely new feature a Commercial Vehicle section which should prove of great interest to all transport operators. Trucks (and vans of Commer, Karrier and Fargo manufacture range from 8 cwt to 5 ton load carriers.

Exhibits on the main showroom floor include Humber, Hillman, Sunbeam Talbot, Chrysler, Plymouth and Jaguar cars. Motor cyclist enthusiasts have not been forgotten and the new twin cylinder Matchless and A.J.S. machines aroused great interest. The Silver Jaguar XK120 Super Sports, fastest stock car in the world with a speed of 136 miles per hour, proved to be one of the main centres of attraction and many were the praises overheard regarding this superb example of British engineering skill and design.

Fitted with a twin overhead camshaft engine of 3½ litre capacity which, for layout and compactness must be seen to be believed, this engine develops 100 bhp at 5,000 rpm and with the

whole car weighing 22 cwt, acceleration figures are terrific. In spite of this the car is just as docile and easy to drive in traffic as any small saloon. We are informed that Jaguar Cars Ltd have received firm orders from America covering almost the whole total production of these cars over the next two years.

Another car which aroused much interest was the new Hillman Minx, without any doubt one of the most popular cars in Hong Kong. Now fitted with a slightly bigger engine the latest version of the Minx is destined to receive greater patronage than any of its predecessors since 1931, the year of its introduction.

Always that rare embodiment of commodious family motoring in relation to light car running costs, roominess, power in abundance, safe and economical operation, and leading the way in progressive engineering conception and design, here is a brilliant new model that incorporates not only all that is best in modern automobile science but retains the while all those characteristics that have made the Minx so famous. It is an even more magnificent Hillman Minx.

The show is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will continue until Friday next, March 3. The exhibition is being held in Gilman's main showrooms, 132 Nathan Road, Kowloon, situated near St. Andrews Church and opposite Whitfield Barracks.

A tour of Gilman's premises reveals not only a modern well designed showroom—but also—a large service depot fully equipped with body building, machine and paint shop, lubricating bays and all facilities for complete overhauls of all types of cars and commercial vehicles.

A number of drive-in lock-up garages are another feature of Gilman's service for all private motorists and recently these lock-ups have been further increased by the addition of adjoining premises. A full 24-hour repair service is available and to motorists who cannot spare their cars through the day, Gilman's offer their all night lubrication and repair service. Gilman's proud boast is "We Never Close".

In February last year Gilman's opened their new service station

at Gloucester Road and this is now working at full capacity, catering for the needs of the Hong Kong motorists. Situated on the water front immediately opposite the Tonchoy Road Ferry pier this service depot offers a first class car pick-up and delivery service, invaluable in these days of crowded car parks and traffic rush hours.

As one of the oldest and largest motor agencies in Hong Kong, Gilman's have planned their operations to cover all the needs of the everyday motorist and in addition to the two main service stations they also operate in conjunction with Caltex, six filling stations in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon. Two of these are equipped also as lubricating stations and here again a car delivery and pick-up service is in operation.

An additional feature at their Gloucester Road filling station is the supply of diesel fuel or petrol from pumps on the sea front for marine craft.

A car by car description follows:—

Humber Super Snipe

Fitted with a six-cylinder side valve engine developing 100 bhp at 3,400 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gear box operated by finger tip control. Borg and Beck clutch. Measurements: wheelbase 9 foot 10 inches, turning circle 40 feet 6 inches, over-all length 15 feet 7 inches, width 6 feet 2 inches, height 5 feet 6 inches.

A full six seater saloon with exceptional luggage accommodation, the handsome modern styling maintains the Humber tradition of dignity and distinction. Outstanding acceleration with superb road holding ensures 5-80 miles per hour in top gear.

Humber Hawk

Four-cylinder side valve engine developing 58 bhp at 3,800 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gear box with finger tip control. Independent coil spring front suspension. Wheelbase 8 feet 9 inches, turning circle 37 feet, over all length 14 feet 6 inches, width 5 feet 10 inches, height 5 feet 4 inches.

Most assuredly one of the leaders in the 14 horse power

class, and, with the exceptionally large luggage accommodation, a firm favourite with home leave buyers. Completely redesigned from front bumper to rear light, the new Hawk is one of the most outstanding cars ever produced by Humber and is a full six-seater.

Hillman Minx

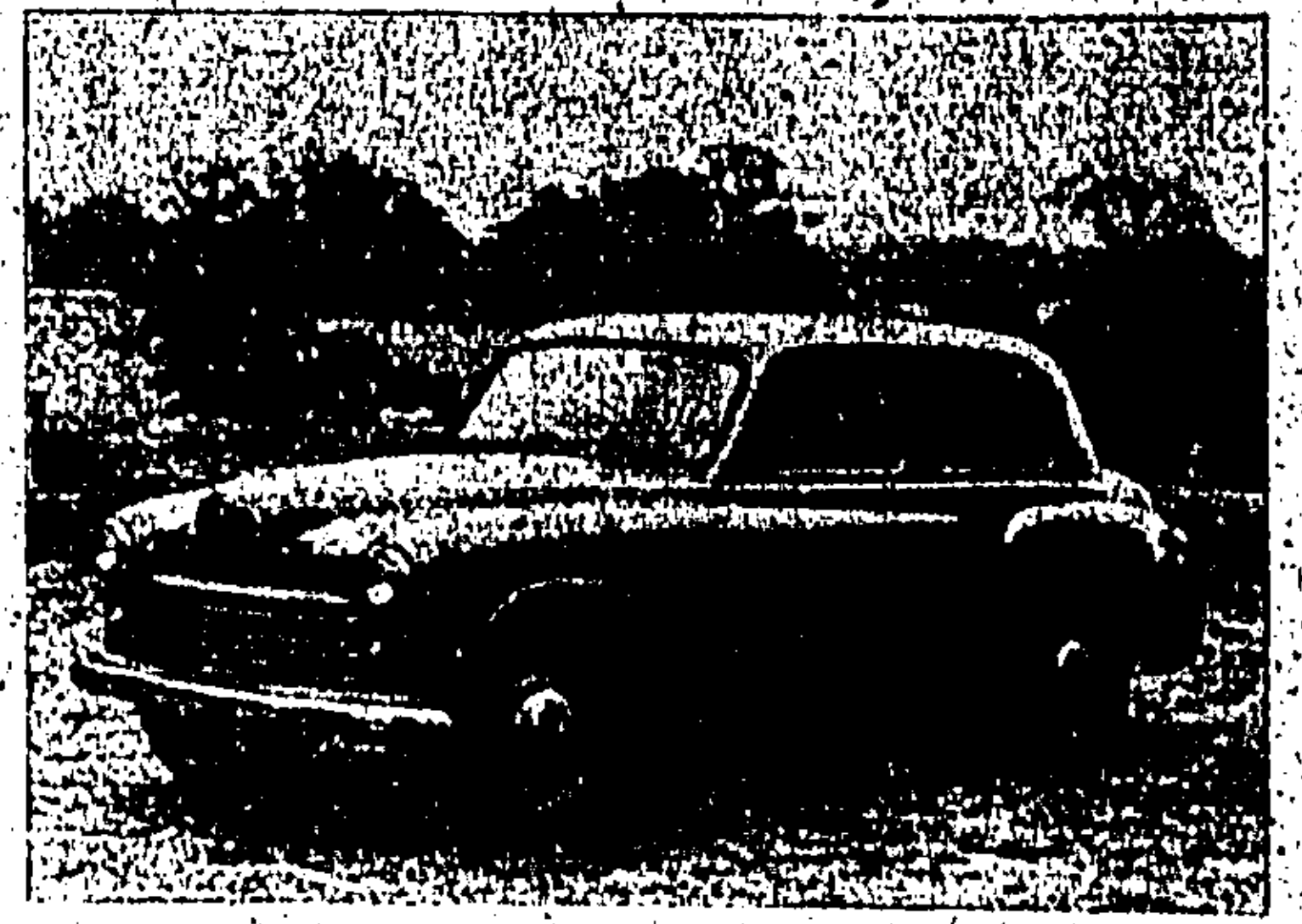
Fitted with a four cylinder side valve engine of increased capacity developing 37.5 bhp at 4,200 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gear box with finger tip operated control. Wheel base 7 feet 9 inches, turning circle 33 feet, over all length 13 feet 1 inch, width 5 feet 2 inches, height 5 feet. Fitted with independent front suspension.

The Hillman Minx is a popular car in the Colony and in addition to those owned by private motorists it is also the favourite choice of most of the Kowloon Taxi cab companies, large fleets being operated by the Blue Taxi Co., and the Kowloon Taxi Co., who find them to be ideal for this type of gruelling work.

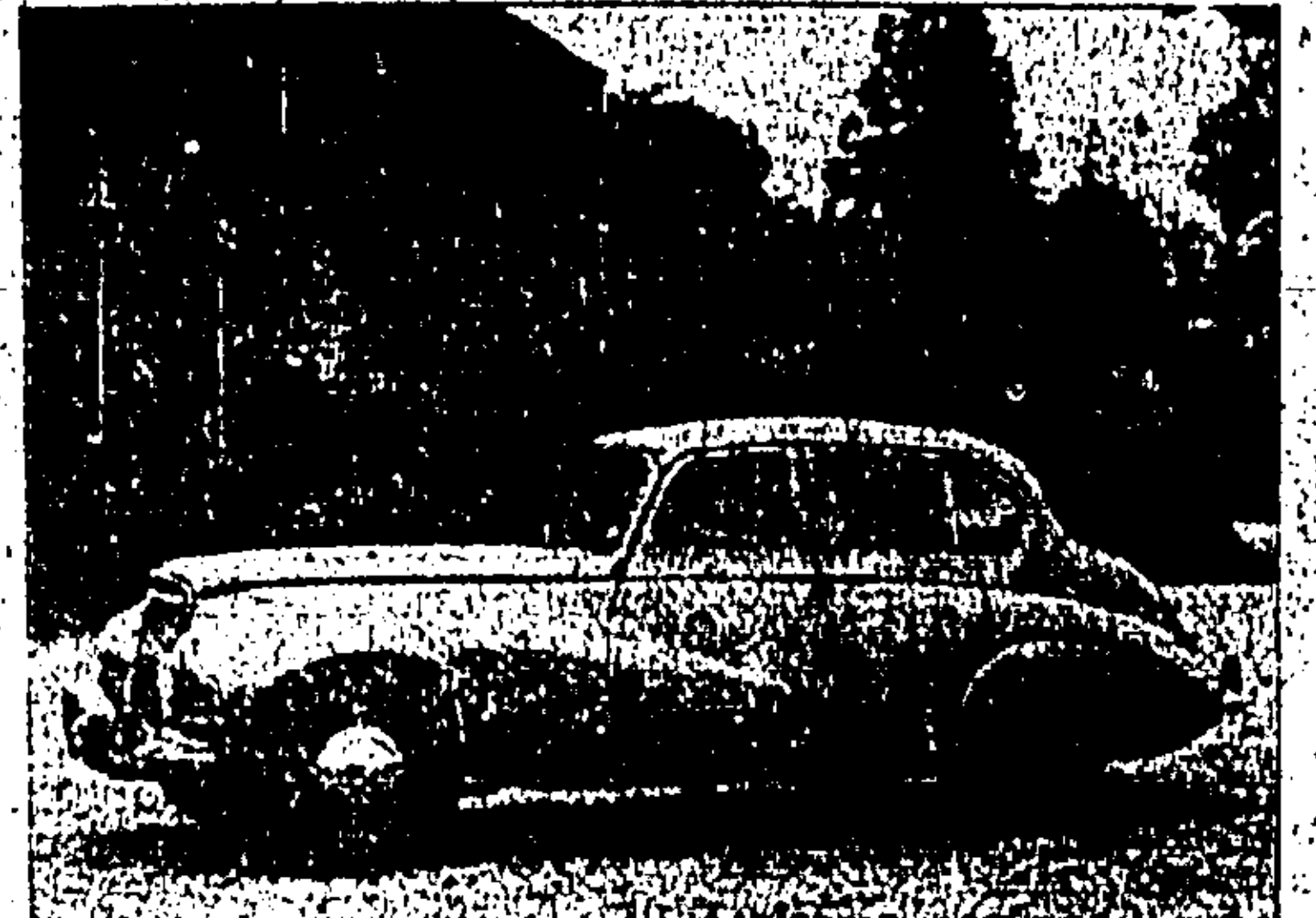
Sunbeam Talbot "80"

Four-cylinder overhead valve engine developing 47 bhp at 4,800 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gearbox with finger tip control. Wheelbase 8 ft 1 inch. Turning circle 35 feet. Over-all length 13 feet 11 inches, with 5 feet 3 inches, height 5 feet.

The new "80" Sunbeam Talbot is a worthy successor to the world famous Ten, modern in styling and aerodynamically correct. Luxuriously appointed and with an ease of control and high performance so essential in a car of its class. Produced to a tradition and standard of quality achieved and maintained over many years, the supremacy of Sunbeam Talbot



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Jaguar 2½ Litre Saloon

Fitted with a six-cylinder engine developing 102 bhp at 4,000 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gear box and Borg and Beck clutch. Front suspension independent torsion bar, rear semi-elliptic. Dimensions, length 15 feet 6 inches, width 5 feet 9 inches, height 5 feet 2 inches, turning circle 35 feet.

Fitted with Connolly leather throughout and a host of luxury accessories these cars can definitely claim to be the finest cars of their class in the world. This car is also produced with a 3½ litre engine to the same body dimensions.

Jaguar XK120

Fitted with a six-cylinder engine of 3,442 c.c. capacity, compression ratio 7 to 1, overhead valve with twin camshaft drive. Develops 160 bhp at 5,400 rpm. Four-speed synchromesh gear box, Borg and Beck clutch. Dimensions, length 14 feet 6 inches, width 5 feet 3 inches, over all height 4 feet 3 inches, turning circle 31 feet.

A brilliant example of British engineering skill and design. A stock model, operating with full touring trim and an ordinary pool petrol recently broke the world's stock car speed record with 130 miles per hour.

Chrysler Windsor

Fitted with a six-cylinder L head type engine developing 116 bhp at 3,000 rpm. Fluid drive and hydraulically operated four-speed transmission. Greater riding comfort in the smart new Chrysler is assured by the longer wheelbase on all models and yet the over all length of the car is actually shorter, a great innovation when one considers the parking problem. A host of new features have been included in the 1950 edition of these fine cars.

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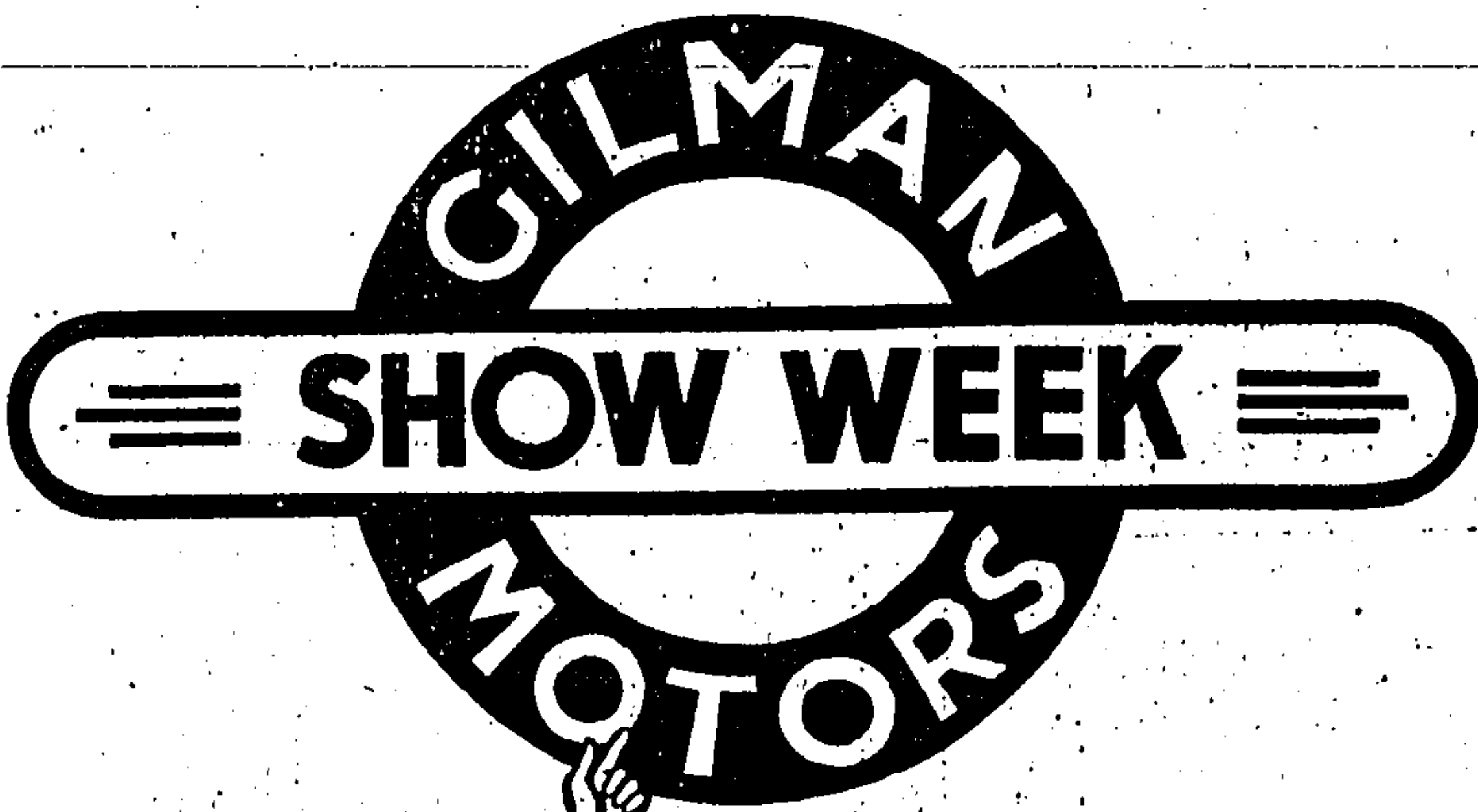
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British tanks go into action in Asmara riots

Asmara, February 23.

British troops with tanks went into action here today to break into buildings where rioters were hiding in the third consecutive day of Christian-Moslem clashes, in which 41 people have been killed.

At times during the day the situation in the Eritrean capital seemed completely out of hand. But at sunset British troops appeared to have things under control.

GRAZIANI HATER OF BRITAIN

Rome, February 23. Former Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani told a Military Tribunal here today that he "always has and always will hate Britain—the enemy of Italy."

The 68-year-old Graziani, self-assured and confident, is facing his second trial for collaboration with the Nazis. His first trial before a Civil Court was abandoned last February because the Court declared itself incompetent to deal with military matters.

The burly, grey-haired former Commander denied charges that he had sent Italians into forced labour camps in Germany and had permitted reprisals by the Nazis against Italian partisans.

Graziani, wearing a grey military tunic with five rows of medal ribbons and no insignia of rank, had his chair on the floor of the Court moved on to the Judge's dais so that he could respond to the indictment.

His reply branched out into a political speech, interrupted by frequent draughts of mineral water from the large bottle on a table at his elbow.

Graziani was so-called Minister of Defence in the Republic which Benito Mussolini set up under German sponsorship in Northern Italy in October, 1943, after his dramatic rescue from Italian arrest.

Explaining to the Tribunal of five generals why he co-operated with the Nazis, Graziani said: "I have had no great liking for the Fascists, and even less for the Germans, whom I was taught to hate from early youth."

"My intention at the end (of the war) was to remain neutral and I accepted the post of Minister of Defence only after I got the impression that by doing this I could diminish the evils in store for Italy."

He said that the Nazis felt they had been betrayed by Italy and wanted to make reprisals. He felt that his action would soften, if not obviate, these reprisals. The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

ESPIONAGE TRIAL

Berne, February 23. A 47-year-old Swiss aircraft mechanic went on trial here today charged with having sold important military information to the British, French and United States Secret Services.

The man, Willi Gerber, pleaded guilty. He said he had handed over military information to Colonel Seret, of the French Secret Service, the French officer who was killed with Count Bernadotte, the Palestine Mediator, in Palestine.

Gerber said that before the war he had been paid 600 Swiss francs monthly by the British and 400 francs by the French. Since the death sentence has been abolished in Switzerland, Gerber faces possible life imprisonment.—Reuter.

JET TRAGEDY

Stockholm, February 23. Hans Victor Lundin, a 28-year-old aircraft mechanic, was sucked into the air intake of a Swedish jet fighter today and killed instantly, it was reported in Stockholm tonight.—Associated Press.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Problem in arithmetic

While the British argue about petrol and pensions, Americans debate war and peace. This country has had its ear cooked for a resounding moral message from Mr. Atlee or Mr. Churchill, or perhaps both, on the subject of the hydrogen bomb.

For this reason, Mr. Churchill's clear indication that he would seek talks with Marshal Stalin challenges attention here, taking him out of the arena of routine election speeches, petty charges, and countercharges that have flowed from British politicians.

Until now chain-reaction which the H-bomb has set off seems to have produced only the squeak of a popgun in Britain, the noises of unimportant partisanship on issues which are minor against the background of the bomb.

Sooner the better

The sooner the election is over the better. Then perhaps Britain will tackle the job of breaking the atomic impasse between Russia and the United States.

British idealism and British moral force are noted. America feels lonely and perturbed in the hydrogen wasteland while the British wrangle among themselves about devaluation, nationalisation, the dollar famine, and other menage matters.

There is a lot of war talk here. Every day there is a new sensation: Stalin is said to be set to take over Finland one day and Yugoslavia the next.

The American atmosphere is full of fear. A Russian ultimatum is considered possible, and there are warnings of merchant ships secreting atom bombs or even worse in American harbours.

An odd kind of arithmetic is current. Will the H-bomb kill 20,000,000 Americans in one blast or only 10,000,000? Maybe only half of New York would be demolished by the first hydrogen explosion.

It is a queer climate in which to live. The United States impatiently waits for February 23 and the forming of a British Government that will assist in the search for alternative to a war of extermination.

The election is being thoroughly reported and exhaustively discussed, but some of the statements by Socialist statesmen appear to the Americans as nonsense.

For instance, Mr. Bevin is reported as saying that he hasn't visited a country which doesn't think "it would be a tragedy if Labour is not returned to office."

He must have overlooked America. The United States doesn't think it would be a tragedy if the Atom Age.

World churches end council session

Geneva February 23.

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches today ended a three-day session at the Chateau de Bossey, near here.

The final action, carried out by the Committee was the preparation of a statement on the right attitude of Christians towards the hydrogen bomb, which will be released tomorrow morning.

The Executive Committee decided to recommend that member churches of the World Council of Churches should take up with their respective Governments the question of war criminals with a view to speeding up the trials in the hope that all such cases might be finished this year.

Dr. Martin Niemöller, of Germany, stressed the inhumanity of the present long delays in bringing the accused to justice.

Dr. Niemöller said that in Russia whole categories of prisoners of war—estimated at 40,000—had been sentenced as war criminals.

The Bishop of Chichester added that he had discussed the matter of war criminals with the Foreign Office in London. Extradition was prima facie evidence that the ac-

cused had committed murder.

Dr. Marc Boegner, President of the Federation of French Protestant Churches, told the Executive Committee that he had made representations to the President of the French Republic against the law of 1940 which required prisoners, who had been incorporated during the war into Nazi organisations, classified as "war criminals," to prove their innocence.

The Executive Committee decided to send a message to Archbishop Spyridon, of Athens, expressing the Committee's indignation over the abduction to countries of Eastern Europe of 20,000 Greek children during the recent civil war.

The Primate of Norway, Bishop Berggrav, said that 8,000 Greek parents had petitioned the various Governments concerned but not a single child had been returned.

Bishop Berggrav added that the Governments had alleged in their replies that the signatures to this petition had been obtained by force.—Reuter.

tragedy, it thinks it would be a blessing.

The most startling example of how low our estate has fallen under Labour was given the other day when there were recurrent reports here that the United States and Russia might meet for talks on nuclear arm.

Just the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. No mention of Britain. Nothing about the Elts Three; just the Big Two.

Under Labour we have come to be considered a big Power no longer, but a little country run by little men.

The statement by Mr. Strachey that only 250 persons in Britain now have £5,000, or £14,000, per year after taxes also cuts us down to size.

Imagine these skyscrapers crumbling.

I find that more people seem to be standing stockstill and peering upwards at the soaring towers, but perhaps they're only tourists.

Thank goodness there's been no commercial exploitation as far as man's most devastating weapon. No hydrogen cocktails yet, no hydrogen strip-teasers. Even the tucksters haven't the heart yet to cash in on contemplated calamity.

The little people struggle on. There is a local drive against the untidy streets, and litterers are being fined for cluttering the pavements with chewing-gum wrappers, paper napkins, cigarette cartons, and Cellophane wrappings.

New York is determined to face the future or the end with its face scrubbed.

The American taxpayer, hearing the Socialist shout of "Fair shares," points out that he has already contributed his.

Critics of the Administration's atomic policy suggest a sign "Washington slept here."

Broadway praise

Suddenly it is the veteran Basil Rathbone, of Liverpool, London, and Hollywood, who is being showered with praise on Broadway.

Rathbone, whose cigarette-case has a Union Jack imprinted on the metal, stars in the revival of "The Hiccup." The critics and the audiences say his performance is probably the greatest of his career.

The announcement that the Sadler's Wells Ballet will return to the United States in the autumn on an 18-week coast-to-coast tour has made Americans very happy.

The success of Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" in the popular-priced cinemas is so great that the film will make repeat performances on the big theatre circuits here.

Footnote: The latest scientific discoveries make it plain the choice now is between the armament race and the human one.

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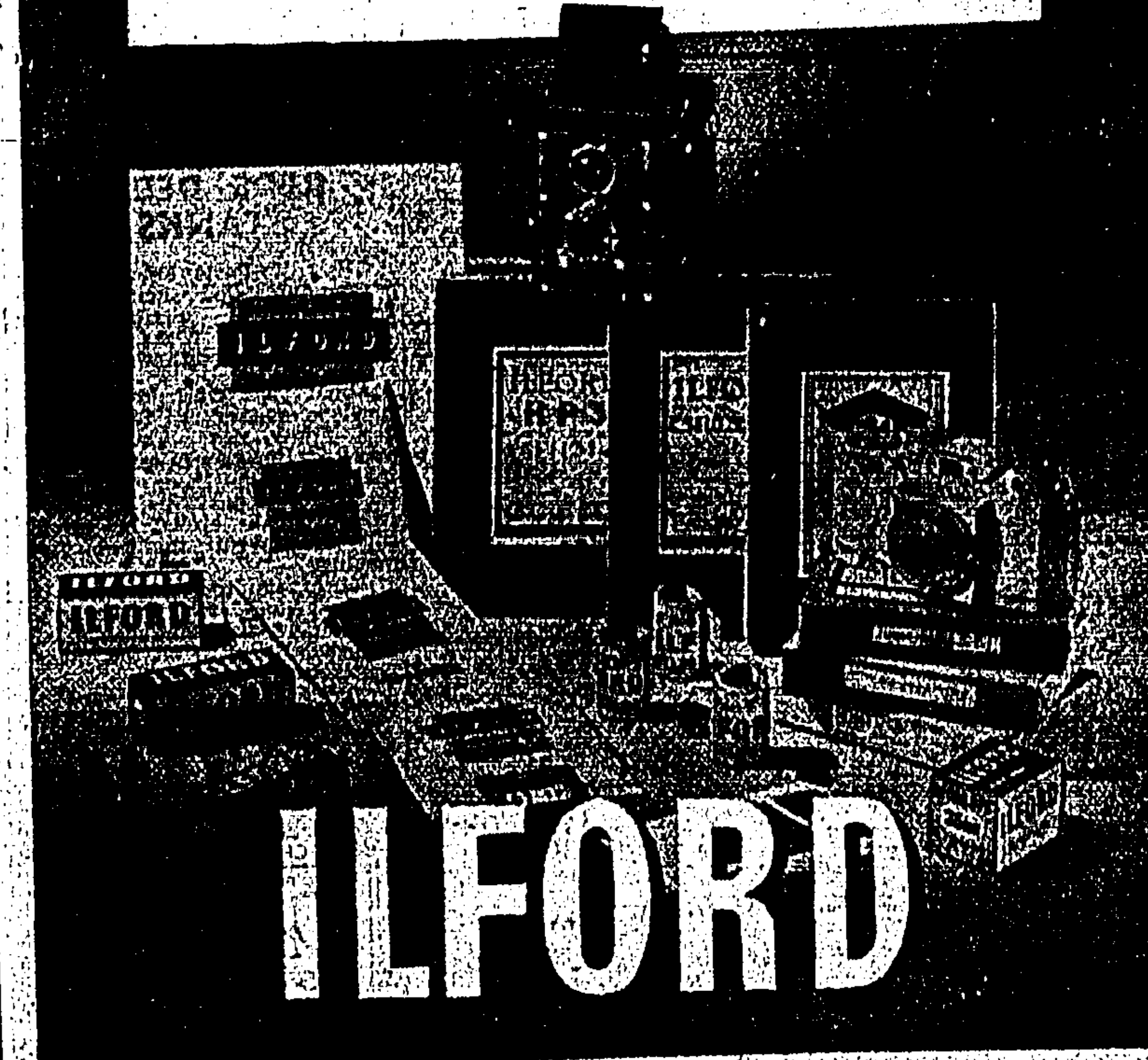
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Peking radio on
Sino-Russian
relationships

San Francisco, February 23.

The Peking radio devoted the major part of its
broadcast to Sino-Soviet relations.The radio eulogised the Soviet army on the oc-
casion of its 32nd anniversary which, accord-
ing to the broadcast, was widely featured in
the Chinese Press and on the radio.MERCY
KILLING
TRIALManchester, New
Hampshire, February 23.Dr. Hermann N. Sander,
accused of "mercy killing"
59-year-old Mrs. Abbie
Borotto, will show that the
cancer-stricken woman was
dead before he injected air
into her veins, his chief de-
fence lawyer declared when
the trial continued here to-
day.Mr. Louis E. Wyman gave this
indication of the defence strategy
after the prosecution told the
jury that Dr. Sander admitted
taking the life of the suffering
woman at her husband's appeal.The suggestion that Mrs. Bor-
otto was dead before she was
being the injections came in a
question put to Dr. Harold
Loverid, President of the Hills-
boro County Hospital, where Mrs.
Borotto died.The State Attorney General,
Mr. William Phinney, objected to
Mr. Wyman's question unless it is
to be supported by evidence.Mr. Wyman replied: "In due
course we expect to do that."The 41-year-old doctor had
pleaded not guilty. But Phinney
said today that Sander had ad-
mitted making the injections be-
cause of the pleadings of the
woman's husband.Outlining the prosecution's
case, the State Attorney General
quoted Dr. Sander as saying that
he knew he might have broken
the law, but the law was not right
and should be changed.Sander was charged specifical-
ly with killing Mrs. Borotto by
giving her air injections as she
was dying of cancer on Decem-
ber 4.Mr. Phinney quoted Dr. Sander
as saying: "Because of Mr. Bor-
otto's pleadings and because he
was a good friend of mine, and
probably in a moment of weak-
ness, I injected air."Answering a question by a
County Medical Officer, Dr. San-
der said he believed Mrs. Bor-
otto would probably have lived for
another two days, Counsel de-
clared.—Reuter.REDS DELAY
TANKSParis, February 23.
Communist-led demonstrators
today delayed a trainload of
French military tanks bound for
Angouleme in Southern France.About 500 workers swarmed
into the station at Saint Pierre
des Zoray, near Tours, over-
powered the guards and removed
the batteries from the tank
motors. Meanwhile, several
women in the crowd lay on the
rails to prevent the train from
moving.Police reinforcements drove the
demonstrators away and arrested
the leaders, including one of the
women who were on the rails.—
Associated Press.

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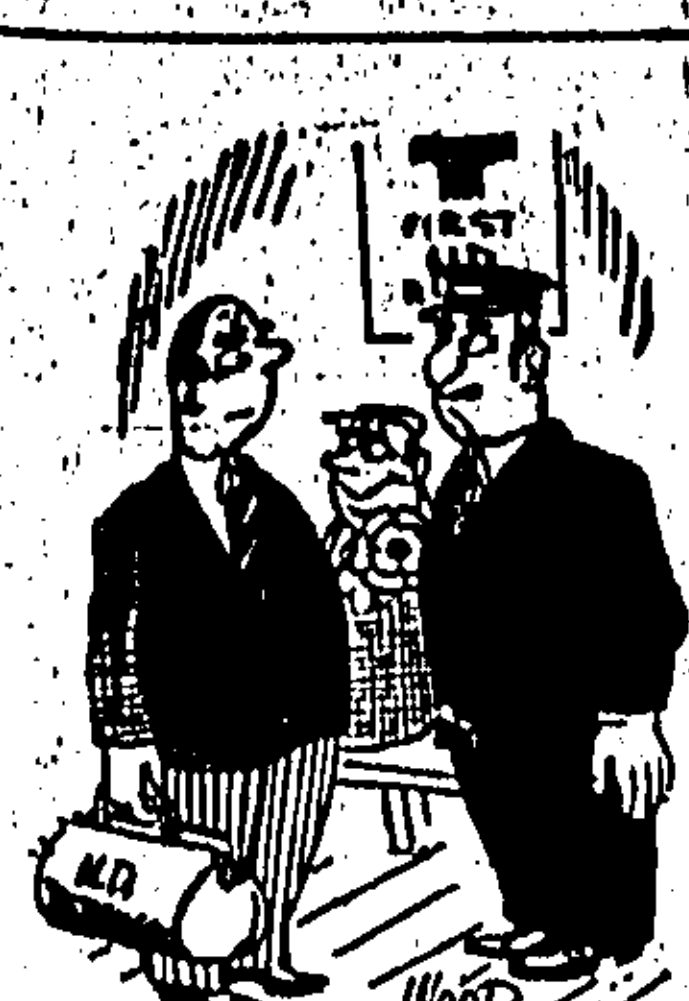
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"Bad case, doc. He's got
his 'fevers' mixed—keeps
saying 'Churchill for the Cup.
Matt Busby for Premier.'"CAMPAIGN FOR
Purer ENGLISHCanberra, February 23.
The Australian Citizenship Con-
vention has urged the Govern-
ment to "purify" English as she is
spoken in radio serials.Speakers said the standard of
colloquial English presented as
Australian speech in radio serials
was no advertisement for the
purities of English.It savoured of Cockney, was
quite un-Australian and entirely
unsuited to teaching new Aus-
tralians how to make themselves
familiar with the English language.Whether new Australians listen
to radio as a means of improving
their speech was debated.—Asso-
ciated Press.MR. NEHRU ON "MAJOR
TRAGEDY IN BENGAL"

New Delhi, February 23.

A major tragedy had occurred in the Pakistan pro-
vince of East Bengal, the Prime Minister of
India, Pandit Nehru, told Parliament here
today in a statement on the recent communal
rioting in that province and the adjoining In-
dian province of West Bengal.The Hindu minority in Pakistan, he said, had lost
all sense of security and lived in fear and ap-
prehension.Stating that even today the
Indian Government is making
every effort to induce the Pak-
istan Government to co-operate
with it in finding the facts
wherever troubles had occur-
red, whether in East or West
Bengal, Mr. Nehru declared:—
"It must always be remem-
bered that the evil we have to
face is a continuing one, and its
possible consequences are too
appalling to contemplate," Mr.
Nehru said.Mr. Nehru disclosed that the
Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr.
Liaquat Ali Khan, had rejected
his suggestions for a joint tour
of the affected areas by both
Prime Ministers."If tragedies occur in Pakistan,
they affect powerfully the peo-
ple of our country, and we can-
not remain indifferent to them,"
the Indian Premier said.To me it appears, Mr. Nehru
said, "that what has happened in
Kashmir and what is happening
in East Bengal are all inter-
linked and we cannot separate
them. We want peace in hiscountry and with Pakistan, and
I have repeatedly made that
offer."Other methods."
"But peace and goodwill are
going to come by a superficial
arrangement when these deep-
seated causes of trouble and
sift continue.""Today the Bengal problem
has first priority because it
governs so many other prob-
lems. For my part I would
like to devote myself chiefly
to these particular issues of
Bengal and Kashmir which,
as I have said, are linked to-
gether in my mind."If the methods we have sug-
gested are not agreed to, it may
be that we shall have to adopt
other methods."In his statement Pandit Nehru
declared: "Many parts of East
Bengal have witnessed a tragedy
on a considerable scale."A very large number of the
minority Hindu community in
Pakistan had lost all sense of
security and lived in fear and
apprehension, he said, adding
"It is for the Government ofPakistan to consider what the
consequences are likely to be if
they are unable to give peace
and security to their own citi-
zens."Parliament heard in hushed
silence the Prime Minister's
4,000-word prepared speech.More serious
What happened in East Bengal,
Mr. Nehru said, was far more
serious than what happened in
Calcutta or in one or two other
places in West Bengal.A kind of iron curtain had
prevented accurate information
from coming through from East
Bengal, except in dribbles.The Pakistan Prime Minister
had rejected his proposals for
joint fact-finding commissions
and for a joint tour of the two
provinces of East and West Ben-
gal by both Prime Ministers.In addition to the
he had already made, he was
suggesting to Pakistan that re-
presentatives of the Interna-
tional Red Cross, accompanied
by Ministers or officials of each
Government, should visit the
affected areas in each province.
Reuter.

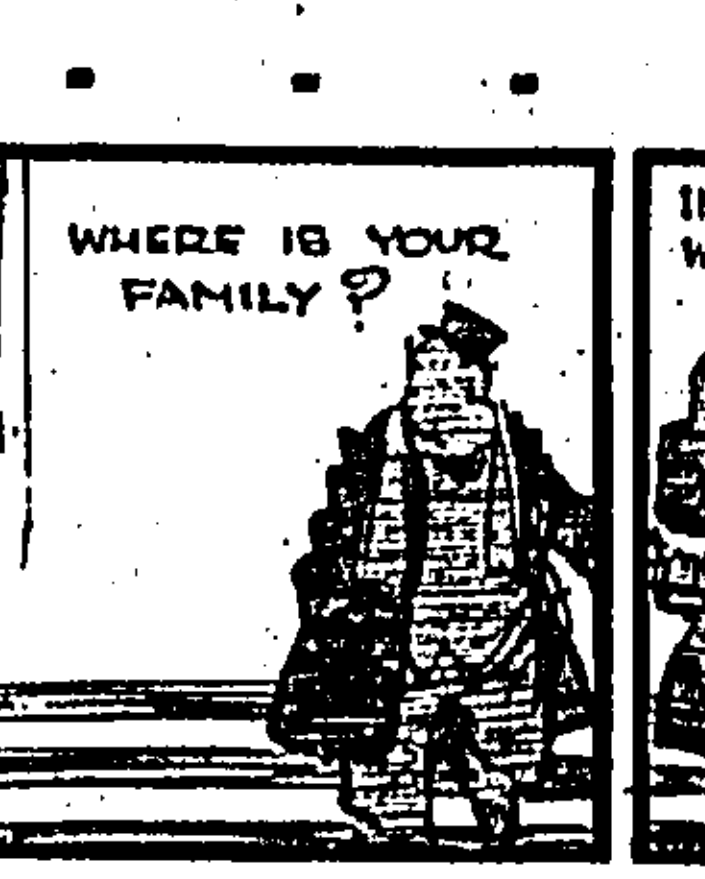
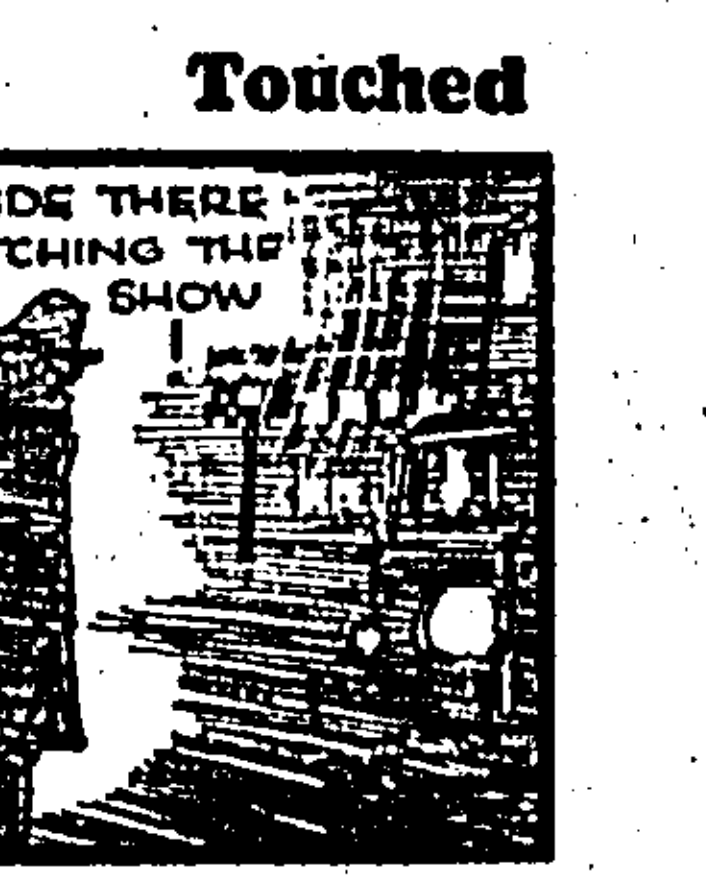
WHEAT FOR UK

Washington, February 23.
Britain has received authority
to buy US\$45,000,000 worth of U.S.
and Canadian wheat under the
Marshall Plan.ECA said the British funds will
be used to buy \$30,000,000 of
Canadian wheat. The remaining
US\$15,000,000 is earmarked for
wheat and wheat flour from the
United States.—Associated Press.

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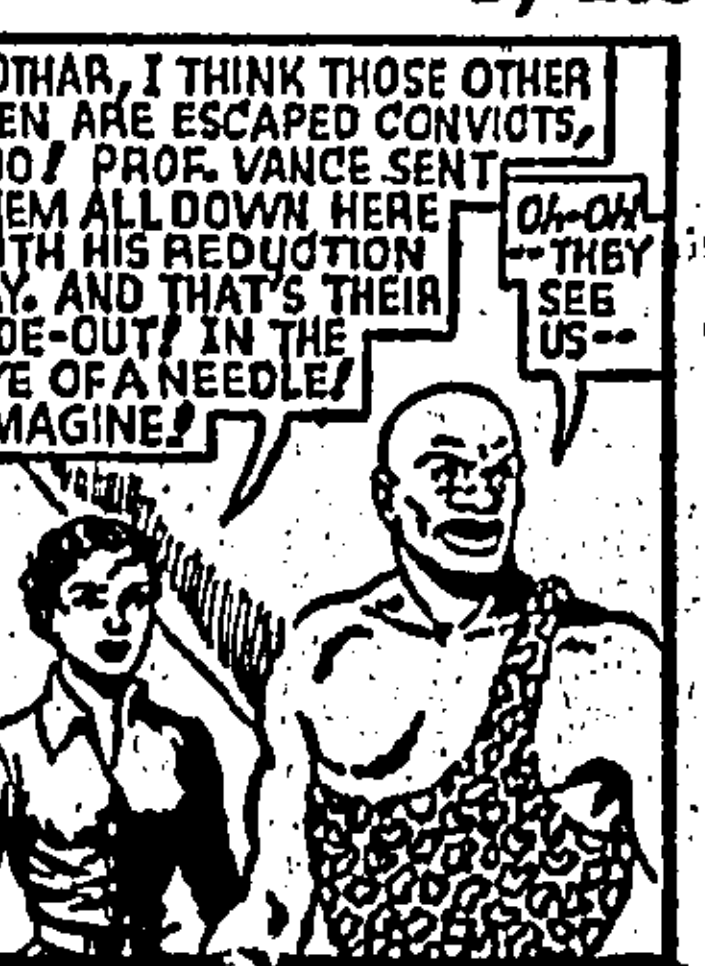
SPARE ME A CROWN
GUNNER?
GOS I CAN

REACH THE WIFE & KIDS!

WHERE IS YOUR
FAMILY?INSIDE THERE
WATCHING THE
SHOW

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

IN THE TINY WORLD UNDER
THE MICROSCOPE...KID, I HEARD YOU WAS IN THE
CUNK.I BROKE OUT—LAST NIGHT. VANCE
SENT ME HERE! BUT TWO STOLE
PIGEONS FOLLOWED ME!LOTHAR, I THINK THOSE OTHER
MEN ARE ESCAPED CONVICTS, TOO!
PROX. VANCE SENT THEM ALL
DOWN HERE WITH HIS REDUCTION
RAY AND THAT'S THEIR HIDE-OUT
IN THE EYE OF A NEEDLE! IMAGINE!

RIP KIRBY

By ALEX RAYMOND

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN WITH YOUR
FISTS JOE!YOU PACK A PUNCH YOURSELF!
I'M SORRY, MR. KIRBY, I ACTED
TOO HASTY!I'M SORRY I RAN AWAY FROM
SCHOOL, MISS MITCHELL. I'LL
GO BACK WITH YOU AND TRY TO
BEHAVE BETTER!WELL, I'M SORRY ABOUT ONE
THING... I BROKE MY CLASSES!

JOHNNY HAZARD

By FRANK ROBBINS

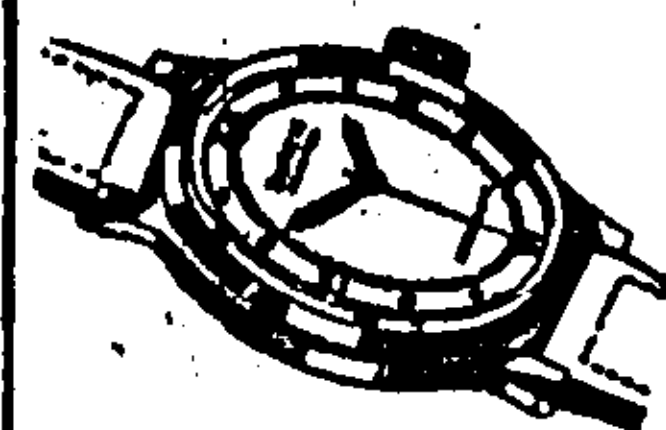
V-V-VELVET? WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?FINE CRESTING I GET! DECIDE TO
PLAY LADY GALAHAD—AND GET
CLIPPED FOR MY PAINS!DON'T GET IT? HOW COME YOU
CHANGED CHARACTER? I THOUGHT
MR. KIRBY WAS STRICTLY
PERSON!THE PRINCE... HE'S GOING TO BE
KILLED! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!
GIVE US THE DETAILS AS WE
GO...

JANE

OUCH!—I'M SURE THEY'D MAKE
A BETTER JOB OF THIS AT THE
HOSPITAL, DARLING!BUT I ENJOY DOING IT FOR YOU,
GEORGIE DEAR!...NOW I MUST LEAVE YOU TO YOUR
BEAUTY SLEEP—BUT I'LL BE
SEEING YOU TOMORROW
MORNING—AS SOON AS I'VE
MADE MY REPORT AT THE
POLICE STATION!AND YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT OILS—
HE'S THE MOST SPORTING
CROOK I'VE EVER HAD THE
PLEASURE OF ARRESTING!

HE LOVES MR. FRITZ!

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BRANNT OFF HIS MIND
AT LAST—ON WELL,
PLEASANT DREAMS...

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Sports Pause



Race Meeting:

HELLZAPOPPIN FAVoured TO WIN NEWMARKET HANDICAP

(By "Rapier")

With the possibility of the weather remaining fine, there ought to be a large attendance at the Race Course for the Second Race Meeting this afternoon.

Readers are reminded that the first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

There are 10 events to be contested and with satisfactory entries received, there should be keen competition among the various owners and jockeys for honours.

Race No. 1—Phoenix Park Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

Opening race of the day is confined to Australian Ponies Class 8. Ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed.

National Glory (Mr. Mok), is long overdue for a win and I think its chances for today are rather bright.

Mr. Castro has only to win one more race to graduate from the Novice Class. This afternoon he will be riding Estrellita, which is a distinct danger. If it does not win it should at least place.

Happy Farmers was officially fourth at the last meeting. It will be ridden by Mr. Thomas and may create a surprise.

On the other hand, Jeffery ran a good race to come in third in the Talwan Bay Handicap (Third Section) at the last meeting. It will be taken out by Mr. Lam King-tak and will have to be considered.

Then there is Mabuhay with Mr. Lo Kwong-to up. A win here is not altogether out of the question.

Race No. 2—Hurst Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race, confined to Class 3, Australian Ponies, should provide an interesting duel for honours, which I expect to see Red Fox (Mr. Mok), Noonday Sun (Mr. Noody), Harmony (Mr. Maitland) and Pegasus (Mr. Renner) figuring prominently at the finish.

Carrying 145 lbs Red Fox won the Seury Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting.

As it has been penalised by 5 lbs today, with the distance remaining the same, I think another win is indicated.

Noonday Sun came second in the Black Rock Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting.

Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting. With the distances shorter this afternoon, it should be near at the finish.

Harmony is not to be neglected, as this pony is used to running well with Mr. Maitland up and should give the above ponies a good fight to the end.

Pegasus is very lightly treated, but in view of the distance it should be worth a ticket each way.

Race No. 3—Doncaster Stakes: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Ponies that have won more than \$1,000 and those that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Weight 150 lbs.

Jockey Allowance.

Looking at the entries, Glamour Butterfly (Mr. K. F. Chiu) is the best pony here for this distance in view of its second placing behind Cleopatra in the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (First Section) at the last meeting.

However, I am of the opinion that it should just about win this afternoon.

There is, of course, Thunderjet (Mr. Pote-Hunt), to be reckoned with. This pony came in second to Apple Pie in the Consolation Stakes (Second Section) over the mile with Mr. Shieh up at the Carnival.

Although it failed to gain a place at the last meeting over six furlongs, I expect to see it fairly near at the finish.

Ironside (Mr. Noody) and Wonderful Coin (Mr. Young Peter), have shown good form in their morning snailpots and should give a good account of themselves against the above-mentioned ponies.

In Ben More (Mr. Black), we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

Race No. 4—Lingfield Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 5. Canadian Point (Mr. Thomas), was third in the Hunchom Bay Handicap (Third Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting.

Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting. With the distances shorter this afternoon, it should be near at the finish.

Harmony is not to be neglected, as this pony is used to running well with Mr. Maitland up and should give the above ponies a good fight to the end.

Pegasus is very lightly treated, but in view of the distance it should be worth a ticket each way.

As it will be carrying top weight of 150 lbs I don't think it can win and can be disregarded.

The Tigers (Mr. Kwok), although running unplaced in the above race, Second Section, is the best bet here for a win.

On that occasion, it ran off into a big lead and it was only when nearing the 1-1/4 mile post that it was overhauled. Should Mr. Kwok succeed in getting it off to a good start, the Tigers will be most difficult to catch.

Fiesta (Mr. Ostroumoff) can also win, especially when it is remembered that it is a capable sprinter, while Baylight (Mr. Maitland), which was unplaced the last time out with Novice jockey Mr. Chung up, should also be seriously considered over this distance.

Poker Face (Mr. Pote-Hunt), is another candidate capable of extending the above ponies. If Mr. Pote-Hunt does not remain too far back, otherwise cannot see it causing any trouble.

Race No. 5—Newmarket Handicap: From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

This race is for Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners only. Ponies that have won more than \$3000 in stakes barred.

I consider this to be the main event of the afternoon.

Hellzapoppin has been allotted top weight of 150 lbs. It will be ridden by Mr. Renfrew and, despite the heavy penalty, I believe that it is capable of winning.

In view of its most convincing win in the Hopful Stakes (Fourth Section) over the mile on the first day of the Carnival, Hellzapoppin will naturally command the most support.

Regarding the second position, it is difficult to say whether Clonfeckle (Mr. Maitland), will amount for Prestwood (Mr. Pote-Hunt).

These two should provide an interesting duel, with Clonfeckle as my fancy.

For an outsider, I recommend Lawrence (Mr. Kwok).

Race No. 6—Hurst Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race, for Second Section Class 3, Australian Ponies, Lucky Strike (Mr. Tao), will be called on to shoulder top weight due to the fact that it was recently demoted from Class 2.

It is now in very good condition but owing to its heavy burden, I cannot recommend it as the likely winner. It may, however, secure a place. Judging from the way VIP ran at the Carnival, when it came second to Marigold in the Black Rock Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, it appears to have an opportunity of scoring a win here.

It will be taken out by Mr. Noody and as far as I can see, its only real danger will come from Fairy Feet, if ridden by Mr. Pote-Hunt, who knows how to handle this pony.

Lili Marlene will again be Mr. Young Peter's mount; but for the fact that it is so unreliable in its running during a race when it suddenly bores out, I would nominate it for a win.

This pony can move very fast and if Mr. Young Peter can get it off quickly, it will give both VIP and Fairy Feet a good run.

As an outsider I suggest Minx (Mr. Ostroumoff), which is down to 137 lbs.

Race No. 7—Lingfield Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint event in which (Second Section, Class 5, Australian Ponies) will participate.

Rusher (Mr. Maitland) will again have to carry the load of 150 lbs, although Autumn Leaf (Mr. Tao), has come down in weight by 5 lbs.

These two are capable of winning, although the latter seems to prefer a longer distance.

Reference will be taken out by Mr. Thomas and although this pony is gradually improving, I doubt whether it can do better than place. On account of the low weight of 137 lbs, which it will be carrying, Victorious (Mr. Renfrew) is a decided menace.

Race No. 8—Ascot Stakes: One Mile.

Australian Ponies of 1950, whether they have started or not, will try to conclude here with a provision that ponies that have won \$750 or more in stakes are barred.

Weight 110 lbs. Jockey Allowance.

Eliminating the "duds," I think the winner will be found among the following: Prairie Moon (Mr. Maitland), Hemletta (Mr. Alexander), Kitty (Mr. Renfrew), and Fine Day (Mr. Channon).

Prairie Moon will be making its debut this afternoon and, judging from its track work during morning training, I think it should win.

There are Hemletta (Mr. Alexander) and Kitty (Mr. Renfrew), both to be reckoned with as they are now coming on nicely.

"RAPIER'S" SELECTIONS FOR TODAY

Race No. 1—Phoenix Park Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

NATIONAL GLORY
ESTRELLITA
HAPPY FARMERS
Outsider: Jeffery.

Race No. 2—Hurst Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

RED FOX
HARMONY
NOONDAY SUN
Outsider: Pegasus.

Race No. 3—Doncaster Stakes: One Mile.

GLAMOUR BUTTERFLY
THUNDERJET
IRONSIDE
Outsider: Ben More.

Race No. 4—Lingfield Park Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

THE TIGRESS
FIESTA
BAYLIGHT
Outsider: Poker Face.

Race No. 5—Newmarket Handicap: From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

HELLZAPOPPIN
CLONFECKLE
PRESTWOOD
Outsider: Lawrence.

Race No. 6—Hurst Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

LILI MARLENE
V. I. P.
LUCKY STRIKE
Outsider: Minx.

Race No. 7—Lingfield Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

RASHER
AUTUMN LEAF
PENFORCE
Outsider: Victorious.

Race No. 8—Ascot Stakes: One Mile.

PRAIRIE MOON
HENRIETTA
KITTY
Outsider: Flag Day.

Race No. 9—Lingfield Park Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

NATIONAL GIFT
TRADE WIND
COLONIA
Outsider: Boom Town.

Race No. 10—Phoenix Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

WILPHUR
BUSTER STRAIGHT
SIDDER
Outsider: Bronte.

Softball:

Jaguars take on Saints in crucial game

(By "GRANDSTAND")

With the Softball Senior League play-off looming ahead, Jaguars take on St. Joseph's this week in a crucial game, in which a setback for the former will result in the second place being tied four ways.

In the Ladies Loop, the Wahos tangle with Pirates this afternoon to start off the third and final round, while Wildcats cross bats with the Canadians to complete the Senior twin bill.

In the Minor loop, two girls games are also fixed for tomorrow, when Clovers meet St. Teresa's and White Fangs tackle the Squaws. All the Women's games will take place on the CBA Ground.

Inter-club play in the Men's Junior circuit will be centred on the outcome of the Blackhawks' semi-final against the Overseas Chinese.

With the Hawks leading the current league standings, a victory will assure them of the title to the Ernie Hearther Trophy, as they have only to meet the Braves who have been disappointing up to date.

The Jaguar battery of Vic Pedruco and Frankie Corras, still fresh from their convincing victory in the Portugal v China International semi-final last week, has been hailed by experts as the best combination seen in recent years.

Sparks are expected to fly at this encounter, as the Saints are anxious to maintain their undisputed position on top of the heap at the end of the first round, while the Jaguars are just as eager to share that honour in their first senior season, not to mention the definite assurance of getting a berth in the play-offs.

Three games down

Jaguars are three games down up to date and if they should lose this important tilt, they will have to play off against US Navy, Americans and the Braves in a further elimination series.

Two ponies and should be in at the finish if given a good start. Countess Delight and Boom Town ran poorly at their respective races the last time out, but over this distance they can be depended upon to give a good account of themselves against the above ponies.

Race No. 10—Phoenix Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

This is the final event of the day, in which Second Section Class 5, Australian Ponies will settle the argument.

Buster Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff), will rank third in the Talwan Bay Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Sulphur (Mr. Young Peter), although it ran unplaced in the above race (Third Section).

Sidder, returned to start at the last meeting, but should it take it into its head to run this afternoon it should prove dangerous.

It will be taken out by Mr. Pote-Hunt.

Amie Clippie (Mr. Castro), is another good pony to be in at the finish.

Victorious (Mr. Renfrew) is another contender, as it ran well in the above race (Third Section) at the last meeting.

There are also Countess Delight and Boom Town, both to be reckoned with as they are now coming on nicely.

Leonard Brothers

The Leonard brothers, Davo and Stan, will be on hand with Benny Omar.

Mastermind Jindoo Hussain will direct strategy from the centre field berth, with Blimby Abong and Frankie Consales flanking him.

Jaguars have recently signed on Nelson Sousa who guarded their regular infield or not, as it is understood that speedy key-stoner Art Ozorio is suffering from a bad foot, while George Souza may be committed to other sports.

Other members of the infield will be Eric Guest at first base, Umbie Mose and Gerald van

(Continued at foot of next Col.)

Rugby:

Stage all set for local Rugby Internationals

(By "J. T. STUD")

"Rag" Regatta at Kellet Is.

The Rowing Section of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club are holding a "Rag" Regatta at Kellet Island this afternoon, the first race starting at 2 p.m. The following is the programme of events:

SCRATCH FOURS FIRST HEAT

2.00 p.m.
Red: Bow, H. V. Ardy; 2, J. L. A. Thatcher; 3, W. Solberg; Stroke, F. Bertschinger.

Blue: Bow, A. J. Dodd; 2, S. Guttinger; 3, R. Beaulier; Stroke, G. Sloss.

MIXED FOURS

2.45 p.m.
Red: Bow, Mrs. J. Hughes; 2, G. Sloss; 3, D. A. McDonald; Stroke, Miss V. J. Evans; Cox, F. Hunter.

Blue: Bow, Miss S. Franklin; 2, J. Dick; 3, J. E. L. Larsen; Stroke, Miss H. B. Leach; Cox, F. Clemo.

SCRATCH FOURS SECOND HEAT

3.30 p.m.
HMS "Jamaica" (Red): Bow, L. A. Piper; 2, L. Kerr; 3, Mr. Symon; Stroke, L. Cdr. Bates; Cox, Lt. Holmes.

Blue: Bow, N. Beck; 2, V. Dryer; 3, J. G. Haugstead; Stroke, S. Osnager.

SCRATCH FOURS SEMI-FINAL

4.15 p.m.
Red: Bow, J. E. L. Larsen; 2, E. J. G. Gauntlett; 3, D. A. McDonald; Stroke, T. W. Nottidge; Blue: Winners of 1st Heat.

COMMITTEE v REST

4.45 p.m.
Committee (Red): Bow, A. G. Dalziel; 2, J. Dick; 3, S. Ellis-Lund; Stroke, D. G. Yardley; Cox, F. Clemo.

Rest (Blue): Bow, W. Solberg; 2, B. Rasmussen; 3, D. A. McDonald; Stroke, G. Sloss; Cox, F. Hunter.

SCRATCH FOURS FINAL

5.15 p.m.
Red: Winners of 2nd Heat v Blue: Winners of Semi-final.

Officials: Umpires, J. Marden and D. G. Yardley; Starters, J. Marden and D. G. Yardley; Master of Craft, A. G. Dalziel.

Regatta Committee: D. G. Yardley; A. G. Dalziel; R. S. Nelson; S. Ellis-Lund; J. Dick.

Week-end soccer Programme

The following is the week-end soccer programme:

Today

Division 1
KMB v Club, Boundary Street, 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney.

Linemen: A. Ribeiro and E. A. Stubbly.

Army v Kwong Wah, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee: C. L. Lusted.

Linemen: G. H. Alindow and C. M. Leonard.

2nd Division
CAA v Police, Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: J. McParlan.

News Vendors v Club, Club, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: P. W. Hayes.

St. Joseph's v Army, Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: G. Hobbey.

Talkoo v Solicitors, Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Chan Tak-fai.

Eastern v University, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: Liu Ting-kai.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The following are the results of matches played in the Colony Tennis Championships at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday:

George Choa beat Ip Choy, 6-0, 6-2.

Nolan Chan beat J. A. Fuerer, 6-0, 6-0.

J. A. Stewart beat J. D. Mackie, 6-2, 6-4.

Choy Tin-look beat Fritz Lin, 6-1, 6-3.

Langenberg on the left side of the keystones.

Madcaps meet Overseas while Chung Hwa keep a date with the Darg-devils in their final game of the season.

The Ladies Senior League which has been interrupted for over a month due to various causes, will resume this afternoon.

The Dubs should not have any difficulty against the Pirates, who do not seem to be settling anywhere in spite of their regular weekly practice.

The Wahos, however, are not taking any chances as they move down the home stretch, and the better side of Harry Novak and Peter Blagden will be kept down.

Thrilling rugby should be seen at Causeway Bay this afternoon, as the curtains rise on another annual Rugby International Tournament.

At 3.15 p.m. Scotland face a British Commonwealth XV, while in the game following, England oppose a Combined Irish- Welsh fifteen.

On paper, England look by far the strongest side and I cannot visualise their going down to the Combined team.

Scotland, holders of the Trophy for the past three years, have been seriously depleted by injuries and recent departures.

McNabb, the Army centre, has left the Colony and I understand that Major Wilson has retired from the game.

D. Henderson and Moffat, the Club stalwarts, are both casualties from last Saturday's Interport and neither Innes, the brilliant Army fly-half, nor Cameron have recovered from injuries sustained earlier in the season.

Extremely capable

The Commonwealth fifteen do not appear to have a very effective back division, but look extremely capable forward and will not be surprised if Scotland makes an early exit.

If the Irish- Welsh pack make any sort of a show, the second encounter should be an exciting affair.

Nolan has sound support outside the scrum and providing they are not overawed by their more fancied opponents, the rebels may repeat last season's surprise win.

England are a very strong fifteen in all departments and would not disgrace Colony jerseys.

Sound reserves

Gregson and Brown are unfortunate, but the choice of sound reserves is a wise one in view of possible injuries before the Final.

Players may not be called upon by their countries for the Final if they have previously represented another side in the Tournament.

Generally speaking, rugby in Hong Kong this season has been of a high standard and it has struck me rather forcibly that the players who turn out week after week on hard grounds deserve better support than was in evidence in the recent Salgon Interport games and some of the Tournament matches.

Teams

Teams for today are as follows: England: Fowke, Gower, Spiller, Turville, De Rome, Wharfe, Goldschmidt, Carrell, Wright, McAdam, Winyard, Minto, Richardson, Stovell, Hutson.

Reserves: Bradley, Gregson, Brown, Franklin.

Ireland & Wales: Spragg, Fawcett, McDermott, Sleight, Tebbutt, Nolan, Morgan, Irvine, Points, Grace, Rees, Gill, Martin, D. Smith, Houston.

Reserves: Jones, Luscumbe, Gibbons, Pierce, Reynolds, May.

British Commonwealth: Armour, Lovatt, Rawstorn, Tremlett, Mitchell, Moore, Harris, Enece, Burnett, Kerr, Robertson, E. J. Brown, Wright-North (Captain), Aldridge, Waine.

Reserves: Aubrey, Dowdeswell, Reynolds (Police), Houston.

Scotland: J. R. Henderson, MacKie, McVicar, A. Stewart, Harrison, Wilson, Lachlan, Storrle, Forsgate, Fairlie, Day, Farquharson, McDonald, Taylor, Smyth.

Reserves: G. Barr, Robertson.

ARMY FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP GAME

The first round games in the Army Football Challenge Cup were played off on Wednesday.

Several good games were seen and the football was, on the whole, of a fairly high standard.

The following are the results of matches played:

KOB 2 Cameronians 1; RAMC 2 36 LAA 1; RAPC 1